

**UNIT 1 AP® UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS**

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

SECTION II

Time – 25 minutes

Directions: You have 100 minutes to answer all four of the following questions. Unless the directions indicate otherwise, respond to all parts of all four questions. It is suggested that you take a few minutes to plan and outline each answer. Spend approximately one-fourth of your time (25 minutes) on each question. In your response, use substantive examples where appropriate.

1. The United States Constitution’s ratification resulted from a political process that required compromise between the Federalists and Anti-Federalists. Many of the debates in government today continue to reflect the concerns of each perspective.
 - (a) Compare the positions of Federalists and Anti-Federalists regarding the power of the national government.
 - (b) Describe two features of the original Constitution that have led to a growth in the power of the national government.
 - (c) Explain how each of the following additions to the Constitution addressed Anti-Federalist concerns.
 - First Amendment
 - Tenth Amendment
 - (d) Explain how one of the following clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment has altered the balance of power between the state and national governments.
 - Due process clause
 - Equal protection clause
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UNIT 1 SCORING GUIDELINES
Question 1 (2014)

6 POINTS

Part (a): 1 point

One point is earned for making an accurate comparison of both Federalist and Anti-federalist positions.

- The Federalists wanted a stronger national government and weaker state governments, while the Anti-federalists wanted a weaker national government and stronger state government.
- The Federalists wanted a balanced relationship between federal and state governments, while the Anti-federalists wanted a weaker national government and stronger state government.

Part (b): 2 points

One point is earned for each accurate description of a feature of the original Constitution that led to the growth of the national government's power. Acceptable descriptions include:

- Necessary and Proper clause/Elastic clause
- Supremacy clause
- Commerce clause
- General Welfare clause
- Taxing power
- Unitary Executive

Part (c): 2 points

One point is earned for an accurate explanation of how each of the following addressed Anti-federalist concerns:

- First Amendment – Student must demonstrate knowledge of at least one right in the First Amendment and indicate that the First Amendment protects an individual's liberty and provides protection from government power.
- Tenth Amendment – Student must demonstrate an understanding that powers not mentioned in the Constitution are reserved to the states and people.

Part (d): 1 point

One point is earned for an accurate explanation of how one of the following clauses has altered the balance of power between the state and national governments.

- Due Process Clause – Student must demonstrate an understanding that individual protections in the Bill of Rights are applied to the states. Student must indicate that states are compelled to follow national requirements.
- Equal Protection Clause – Student must demonstrate an understanding that the clause protects members of groups from discrimination by states. Student must indicate that states are compelled to follow national requirements.

A score of zero (0) is earned for an attempted answer that receives no points.

A score of dash (—) is earned for a blank or off-task answer.