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**Government Chapter 13 Essay Exam**

**Directions: Be sure to use complete sentences and address all the parts of the question to receive full credit for your responses. (116pts)**

**Introduction Question:**

1. **Congress’s powers are widespread. Explain how they are related to each of the following issues: regulation, the military, general welfare, the Supreme Court, and piracy. Also, in relation to the Founding Fathers and political parties, how has Congress revealed its imperfections? (14pts)**

**Section 2 Question:**

1. **When considering the historical evolution of Congress, how many phases has it gone through? Evaluate how slavery, the Speaker of the House, the Vietnam War, the Republican Party, and healthcare reform each figured into the chronological order of the evolution of Congress. (12pts)**

**Sections 3-4 Question:**

1. **Identify the three main professions that Congressmen and women typically bring to their service. Too, identify three main advantages incumbents have over other candidates. Finally, identify the three ways Congressional members represent their constituents, and describe one of those ways. (20pts)**

**Section 5 Question:**

1. **Identify the four main leadership posts in Congress. Explain what two of the posts actually do. Furthermore, explain what a caucus is and what does it do. (16pts)**

**Sections 6-7 Question:**

1. **Describe the difference among the standing, select, and joint committees in Congress. Also, in Congress, what do the acronyms CRS, GAO, and CBO stand for? Too, identify three responsibilities Congressmen and women have. Finally, pertaining to the specific type of work Congressmen and women do, identify one job they regularly preform. (20pts)**

**Section 8 Questions:**

1. **How a bill becomes a law can be a complex process. Construct a brief essay about that process using each of the following items: the three “resolutions,” the three main “rules,” riders, and the double tracking procedure. (16pts)**
2. **When comparing and contrasting the Senate and the House, differentiate between them in relations to the following items: number of members, committee assignments, and debate rules. Moreover, describe three ways in which members vote for or against bills. (18pts)**