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**Government Chapter 1 Essay Exam**

**Directions: Be sure to use complete sentences and address all the parts of the question to receive full credit for your responses. (56pts)**

**Section 1 Question:**

**Explain how the following items figure into identifying political power and its legitimacy: political actors, political authority, the Constitution, elections, and mandates. (10pts)**

**Section 2 Question:**

**First, describe the primary difference between direct and representative democracies. Second, using the three examples we learned in class, justify why a system of representative democracy is more widely used across the world. (10pts)**

**Section 3 Question:**

**Construct a brief essay about the representative democratic model using each of the following items: the Framers of the Constitution, John Locke, voters, the election system, and open competition. (10pts)**

**Section 4 Question:**

**Explain three ways in which American political power is distributed, and describe three common views of how American power is characterized. (12pts)**

**Sections 5-7 Question:**

**First, provide two examples that demonstrate how people are often in conflict with their self-interest and political preference. Second, explain how each of the following items have figured into contributing towards political change: war, the President of the U.S., and history. Finally, discuss how modern-day social media can affect the nature of America politics. (14pts)**