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**Government Chapter 2 Essay Exam**

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

**Section 1 Questions:**

1. **First, describe three liberties that the colonists wanted to preserve when they declared their independence from England in 1776. Next, explain how the concepts of corruption and economics figured into shaping the colonial mindset. (10pts)**
2. **What three factors help explain the causes of the American Revolution? In the aftermath of the Revolution, explain the reasons why the Articles of Confederation failed. (10pts)**

**Section 2 Question:**

1. **Construct a brief essay about the Constitutional Convention using the following items: revision, James Madison, Shays’ Rebellion, Philadelphia, and Rhode Island. (10pts)**

**Section 3 Question:**

1. **Describe the four issues or problems that had to be sorted out at the Constitutional Convention. What were the two proposed plans that aimed to solve such problems? Explain how the Great Compromise applied to each of the three branches of government. (18pts)**

**Section 4 Question:**

1. **Justify the democratic strength of the Constitution by referring to republicanism, the judicial branch, and the electoral college process. Too, what are the three main powers of the Constitution and how are they different? Finally, for each branch of government, describe how it can check another branch. (18pts)**

**Sections 5-7 Question:**

1. **In what very specific way were the Antifederalists and federalists different? Specifically, why was the Bill Rights added to the Constitution? Explain how the issue of slavery *could have* ended the Constitutional Convention. Identify the overall assumption about what motivated the Framers of the Constitution. Finally, explain one way the Constitution can be amended. (10pts)**