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**Government First Semester Exam**

**Directions: Be sure to use complete sentences and address all parts of the question. (134pts)**

**Chapter One Questions:**

1. **Explain how the following items figure into identifying political power and its legitimacy: political actors, political authority, the Constitution, elections, and mandates. (10pts)**
2. **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)**

**Chapter Two Questions:**

1. **Construct a brief essay about the Constitutional Convention using the following items: revision, James Madison, Shays’ Rebellion, Philadelphia, and Rhode Island. (10pts)**
2. **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)**

**Chapter Three Questions:**

1. **Compare and contrast the Hamiltonian and Jeffersonian versions of Federalism. Be sure to address how each theory addressed the roles of the national government and the state governments. Too, who were the men behind each theory? (8pts)**
2. **These sections are primarily about the relationship between the federal government and state governments. Explain how each of the following concepts help us understand that relationship: block and categorical grants, conditions of aid, mandates, and waivers. (10pts)**

**Chapter Four Question:**

1. **Create a timeline that shows the modern historical course of American mistrust in government. Be sure to include the decade, the event, and which political party was in charge at the time. (24pts)**

**Chapter Five Question:**

1. **What is the primary difference between libel and slander? (4pts)**

**Chapter Seven Question:**

1. **Construct a brief essay about political ideology and elites in America. Be sure to include each of the following factors in your essay: Republican, Democrat, Liberal, Conservative, elites, the media, and name recognition. (14pts)**

**Chapter 8 Question:**

1. **What does VAP and VEP each stand for, and what is the primary difference between the two concepts? Next, explain how scheduling conflicts, school, and chores each figure into why people do not vote. (12pts)**

**Chapter 9 Questions:**

1. **Construct an essay about the historical development of America’s political parties. Be sure to reference each of the following parties in the correct context: Federalist party, Republican party, National Republican party, Whigs, and Democrats. (10pts)**
2. **Construct an essay about how presidential candidates are nominated. Be sure to use each of the following concepts in your response: caucus; direct, closed, and open primaries; delegates; and the national convention. (12pts)**