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**Government Second Semester Exam**

**Directions: Be sure to answer all parts of the question and use complete sentences. (122pts)**

**Chapter 10 Questions:**

1. **What does PAC stand for? In what way is it related to the Constitution? How do “special interests” factor into PACS? From which three sources of PACS obtain their money? (12pts)**
2. **Compare and contrast what Congressional and Presidential candidates consider. Be to use each of the following items in your comparison: Incumbents, tone, local interests, themes, and the sophomore surge. (10pts)**

**Chapter 12 Question:**

1. **The structure of the national media and the rules it follows are many and at times complex. Examine how each of the following items figure into explaining this complexity: newspapers, news networks, gatekeeper, scorekeeper, American citizens, the Supreme Court, the FCC, and the equal time rule. (16pts)**

**Chapter 13 Questions:**

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)**
2. **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)**

**Chapter 14 Questions:**

1. **Restate five of the President’s primary powers. (10pts)**
2. **Write an essay about the POTUS and his or her ability to influence policy or be influenced by other factors. Be sure to include each of the following items in your response: Members of Congress, the American public, neutrality, war, economic downturns, and political scandals. (12pts)**

**Chapter 16 Question:**

1. **In these sections, we discussed the structure and jurisdiction of the federal courts. Identify the three main parts of the federal court system. Also, explain how judges are nominated and confirmed. Finally, for each part of the federal court system, identify a type of case it aims to resolve. (16pts)**

**Chapter 18 Questions:**

1. **Explain how three of four of America’s economic theories work. (6pts)**
2. **Layout how the Federal Reserve system is organized and structured. Be sure to include each of the following items in your response: securities, interest rates, Regional Banks, Member Banks, and the Federal Reserve Board. (10pts)**