**Russia—Short Answer**

1. Identify two features of the Russian Political System that make it a mixed presidential/parliamentary system of government. (2006 q4)

2. Many outside observers express concern that Russia’s political system became more authoritarian during the 2000-2008 presidency of Vladimir Putin. Explain three changes made during Putin’s presidency that are evidence that the Russian political system became more authoritarian. (2010 q3)

**Great Britain v. Russia Comparisons**

1. The referendum is a feature of democratic politics. (2007 q7)

 (a) Define referendum and describe one advantage for a government holding a referendum.

(b) Identify the official who has the power to call a referendum in Great Britain. Describe one example of the use or proposed use of one specific national referendum in Great Britain.

(c) Identify the official who has the power to call a referendum in Russia. Describe one example of the use or proposed use of one specific national referendum in Russia.

**Mexico v Russia Comparison**

1. Mexico and Russia have each experienced economic liberalization and political liberalization. (2008 q8)

 (a) Define economic liberalization and define political liberalization.

 (b) Describe one economic liberalization policy pursued in Mexico since 1985 and one economic liberalization policy pursued in Russia since 1991.

 (c) Describe one economic liberalization policy undertaken in Mexico since 1985 and one economic liberalization policy undertaken in Russia since 1991.

 (d) Compare one consequence of economic liberalization on social class in Mexico with one consequence of economic liberalization on social class in Russia.

2. (a) Describe Russia’s electoral system before the 2007 Duma elections. Explain how the electoral system shaped the pre-2007 Russian party system.

 (b) Describe a specific change to the Russian electoral system that was designed for the 2007 Duma elections and explain its impact on party competition.

 (c) Describe Mexico’s current electoral system.

 (d) Describe one electoral reform made in Mexico in the 1990s and explain how that reform affected Mexico’s party system. (2009 q7)