

PART 2 **write one (1) essay from you choice of the following three questions**
(Suggested length: 3 – 5 pages)

4. What is public opinion? What factors influence the formation of public opinion? Based on your understanding of public opinion, would you agree or disagree that it is a meaningful part of a healthy democracy? Is the American democratic system generally responsive to public opinion?
5. Voting and elections are important aspects of American democracy, but not everyone chooses to participate by voting. Why are some people more likely to vote than others? Once someone decides to vote, which factors are the most importance influences on their choice of candidate in an election? Based on your understanding of voting, campaigns, and elections, do you think elections are effective parts of democratic representation in America?
6. Political parties and partisanship are fundamental to American politics and government. In what ways do political parties and partisanship exemplify the best aspects of Madisonian democracy, and how do they demonstrate its limitations?