

Part I (50 points)

1. The political of compromise was an important aspect of the framing of the Constitution. Identify and discuss three political compromises that shaped the Constitution. Why was it necessary to compromise on each of those three issues? What alternatives were considered? Why was the specific compromise eventually adopted?
2. There are many barriers to organizing collective action to achieve public goods. Why is government necessary, and what role does politics play? Write an essay in which you answer these questions by discussing the relationship between public goods and barriers to collective action.
3. Does federalism in America improve or weaken American democracy? What are the advantages and disadvantages of states having a strong role in the American political system? Give at least two examples of each, and explain how they relate to the health of American democracy.
4. Explain how the Bill of Rights went from being relatively inconsequential to being a robust set of civil liberties protections.