

Politics 225 – Spring 2013 Midterm
Estimated time to complete: 50 minutes

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- Write your answers in pen.
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Part 1: Identification. 10 points total. Choose any 5 of the 8 terms.

Each answer needs to do two things:

- Identify and explain the concept.
- Give an example from a real country.

Choose any 5 of the following:

1. Totalitarianism
2. Majoritarianism
3. Proportional Representation
4. State
5. Rational-legal legitimacy
6. Selectorate
7. Prime Minister
8. One-party state

Part 2: Essay. 5 points total. Choose 1.

Essays will be graded based on organization and analysis. Summarize your argument with a clear thesis statement in the first paragraph. Use the rest of the essay to provide facts and logic that support your thesis.

Answer one of the following:

1. How are modern parliamentary democracies held accountable to the interests of society? Be sure to include discussions of parties, coalitions, and when and how parliamentary democracies choose to have elections.
2. Are leaders of authoritarian states unaccountable? Discuss at least one authoritarian country as an example.