

## **Blizzard Bag #2: Advanced Placement U.S. Government**

**Directions:** On a separate sheet of paper answer each of the following questions. As these are practice questions for the AP Exam, you may use your notes and/or textbook. Your answers will be due within two weeks of the calamity day.

1. In *The Federalist* paper number 10, James Madison expressed concern over the possibility that both majority and minority factions would have too much power over government, and he presented ways of minimizing that danger. The United States Constitution established a democratic government but also contained several provisions that limited majority rule. Throughout the next two centuries, the role of majority rule in the United States government and politics continued to change
  - a. Identify the part of the national government that was originally most closely tied to citizens and how it was explained to citizens
  - b. Explain two ways the United States Constitution limited majority rule
  - c. Choose two of the following twentieth-century developments and explain how each moved the United States from a less democratic system to a more democratic system
    - i. Primary Elections
    - ii. The Seventeenth Amendment
    - iii. Expansion of Suffrage
  
2. The framers of the United States Constitution created a federal system
  - a. Define federalism
  - b. Select two of the following and explain how each has been used to increase the power of the federal government relative to the states
    - i. Categorical grants
    - ii. Federal mandates
    - iii. Selective incorporation
  - c. Select two of the following and explain how each has been used to increase power of the states relative to the federal government
    - i. Welfare Reform Act of 1996
    - ii. Block Grants
    - iii. Tenth Amendment