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**POS 2041**

**STUDY AID FOR TAKE HOME FINAL EXAMINATION**

The final examination is worth 50% of the final grade. The student will be required to prepare answers to 3 essays, based on class notes and reading assignments from the textbook only, with no outside sources to be used. The student MUST choose one essay from Questions 1-4; one essay from Questions 5-8; and one essay from Questions 9-10. The take home exam MUST be typed double-spaced and the pages MUST be stapled before handing in on the Final Exam day, and NO papers will be accepted in my mail slot or sent by email, ONLY in PERSON to the instructor. Also, the class course number and hours of class MUST be clearly listed on the work handed in.

1. Compare and contrast the Articles of Confederation with the Constitution, explaining the weaknesses of the former and the strengths of the latter.
2. Federalism is a significant factor in American government. Discuss the powers given to the various levels of government, those powers denied them, and the powers given concurrently.
3. Civil liberties are an important part of what makes America a democracy. Discuss the civil liberties that Americans have, some of the debates over these liberties, and various threats to our liberties in American history.
4. Discuss the civil rights movement as it has affected minorities and women. Be as specific as possible on recent developments.
5. Interest groups and public opinion play an important role in shaping American government. Discuss their effect on American politics.
6. Political parties are the vehicle by which American democracy operates. Discuss the history, functions, characteristics, and organization of America's political parties.
7. Discuss the process by which America nominates and elects its presidents, including the primary system, national elections, election campaigns, and the electoral college.
8. The American Presidency is an office of great power and potential, and has been affected by the actions of great leaders. Discuss the history of the Presidency and the powers which the president possesses in the modern world.
9. The U. S. Congress is a system much criticized, and yet it gets the job done. Discuss the nature of Congress, its powers, organization and structure and explain how a bill becomes law.
10. The Federal Court system interprets the Constitution and effectively counterbalances the other two branches of government. Discuss the nature of the Federal Courts, its powers, organization and structure, and its effect on American government.