

**UNIT 2 AP® UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS**

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SECTION II

Time – 25 minutes

Directions: You have 100 minutes to answer all four of the following questions. Unless the directions indicate otherwise, respond to all parts of all four questions. It is suggested that you take a few minutes to plan and outline each answer. Spend approximately one-fourth of your time (25 minutes) on each question. In your response, use substantive examples where appropriate. Make certain to number each of your answers as the question is numbered below.

2. The First Amendment includes two clauses relating to the freedom of religion.
- (a) Select one of the following cases and identify the First Amendment clause upon which the United States Supreme Court based its decision.
- *Engel v. Vitale* (school prayer)
 - *Lemon v. Kurtzman* (state funding for private religious schools)
- (b) Describe the Supreme Court's decision in the case that you selected in (a).
- (c) Select one of the following cases and identify the First Amendment clause upon which the United States Supreme Court based its decision.
- *Reynolds v. United States* (polygamy)
 - *Oregon v. Smith* (drug use in religious ceremonies)
- (d) Describe the Supreme Court's decision in the case that you selected in (c).
- (e) Many of these decisions have caused controversy in the United States. Describe two ways in which other political institutions might limit the impact of Supreme Court decisions.
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