1. **How has the size of the electorate changed over time? Address points A,B, and C in your answer.**

   A. Which people could vote when the Constitution was first written?
   B. What are three specific examples of people who have been granted suffrage in the last 200 years? For each example cite the law, act or amendment that led to them gaining suffrage.
   C. Do you think any part of the population still suffers from any kind of disenfranchisement? Explain why or why not.

2. **Which amendments to the Constitution do you think are most vital to your personal freedom? Be sure to address A, B and C in your response.**

   A. Pick one amendment from the Bill of Rights and one of the later amendments (#11-27). Explain the rights that are guaranteed or protected in each of these amendments, and provide an example of those rights as they relate to you.
   B. For the Bill of Rights amendment, choose a landmark Supreme Court case that relates to that amendment and explain what the ruling of the Court was, and how it relates to the amendment.
   C. For the later amendment, choose a landmark Supreme Court case that relates to that amendment, discuss the ruling of the Court and how it relates to that amendment.

3. **How do the concepts of *Balance of Power* and *Checks and Balances* relate to the US government? Be sure to address A, B and C in your answer.**

   A. Clearly define the terms *balance of power* and *checks and balances.*
   B. Give a specific example of how each of the three branches of government can be "checked" by one of the other branches.
   C. Explain two specific times in history when one branch of government was checked by the others.

4. **How well does the American democratic system work? Explain the structure and function of American democracy and address A, B and C below.**

   A. How does our government embody the idea of federalism?
   B. List three strengths of American democracy.
   C. List three weaknesses of American democracy.