

Test IV Review – Section 011

The final exam, scheduled for Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30, will cover chapters 12, 13 and 16 of the Edwards textbook (study question sheets 10-12). There will be two sections to the test: short answer questions and an essay.

Short-answer questions (60% of exam grade)

You will need to write about 2-3 sentences to adequately answer each question. You will need to answer six questions (out of 10) and they're worth 10 points each, for a total of 60% of the exam grade.

The short-answer questions will be based on the following study questions. That is, if you can adequately answer these questions, you should be well-prepared for this part of the test. Short answer questions will often be nearly identical to the study questions (or parts of them), but may also be rephrased to test the material from a different angle

- Study Questions X (Congress): 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 14
- Study Questions XI (The Presidency): 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 11
- Study Questions XII (The Judiciary): 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9

Essay (40% of exam grade)

You will need to write about 300 words to adequately answer the essay question. You will choose one essay question to answer from among two or three. Essay questions may be based on study questions not indicated above as those to focus on for the short answer questions. Be sure to write a focused, persuasive answer – I'll be looking for clarity, coherence, and relevance.

Here are some general topics that might appear:

- The role of party in the organization and functions of Congress
- The conflicting functions of Congress (legislative v. representative) and their impact on structures and processes.
- Elements of presidential power (e.g. institutional, relational)
- Conflicts (and cooperation) between the President and Congress in foreign relations

Extra Credit

There will be some extra credit identification questions, relating mostly to personnel of the federal government (e.g. "Who is the Speaker of the House of Representatives?").