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Question 1

6 points

Part (a): 1 point

One point is earned for a correct definition of direct democracy:



Part (b): 1 point

One point is earned for defining a republican form of government:

Authority is delegated to <u>elected</u> representatives to make decision on behalf of citizens.

Part (c): 1 point

One point is earned for a description of one reason the framers chose a republican form of government. Reasons include:

- Fear of mob rule (tyranny of the majority)
- Size of country
- Elitism inadequate education/uninformed public
- Did not trust people

Part (d): 2 points

One point is earned for each description of the models of congressional representation.

- An acceptable description of the **trustee model** (attitudinal view):
 - Decisions made by elected official using their own personal views <u>or</u> decisions made by the elected official based on the public good and <u>not</u> on the basis of constituents' views.
- An acceptable description of the **delegate model** (representational view):
 - Decisions made by the elected official mirror the constituents' views, represent constituents' views, or do what voters tell them to do.

Part (e): 1 point

One point is earned for an acceptable explanation of why a member of Congress might sometimes act as a trustee (attitudinal view) rather than a delegate (representational view).

- Information access
- Reliance on expertise
- Divided constituency
- Salience of issue

- Vote his or her conscience (explaining why)
- Difficulty determining what voters want

Note: Must close loop to show contrast that the representative is voting regardless of what the constituents want.

- To counter the influence of factions
- Preexistence of states
- Reinforcement of federalism

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Question 1 (continued)

A score of zero (0) is assigned to an answer that is completely off task or is on task but earns no points.

A score of dash (—) is assigned to an answer that is blank.

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Question 1

Overview

This question examined students' knowledge of political representation. Part (a) asked students to define direct democracy. Part (b) asked students to define republican form of government. Part (c) asked students to describe why the framers chose a republican form of government over a direct democracy. Part (d) asked students to describe the trustee model (attitudinal view) of congressional representation and the delegate model (representational view) of congressional representation. Part (e) asked students to explain why a member of Congress might sometimes act as a trustee rather than a delegate.

Sample: 1A Score: 6

In part (a) the response earned 1 point. One point was earned for defining direct democracy as "citizens vote directly on key issues ... rather than elect representatives."

In part (b) the response earned 1 point. One point was earned for defining republican form of government as "one in which citizens elect leaders to represent them in government."

In part (c) the response earned 1 point by describing one reason why the framers of the U.S. Constitution chose a republican form of government over a direct democracy. The response states "they feared putting important political matters directly in the hands of the people. They feared this would result in conflict and destruction".

In part (d) the response earned 2 points. One point was earned for describing a trustee as when "the Congress person makes political decisions influenced by their own personal views." A second point was earned by describing a delegate as when "the Congress person votes and makes political decisions based on what ... their constituents would want."

In part (e) the response earned 1 point by explaining why a member of Congress might sometimes act as a trustee rather than a delegate. The response states that the trustee model is often used "if the issue at hand falls under his or her area of expertise." The response explains this argument by providing an appropriate example.

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Question 1 (continued)

Sample: 1B Score: 4

In part (a) the response did not earn a point because direct democracy is incorrectly defined as "a vote for a candidate."

In part (b) the response earned 1 point. One point was earned for defining republican form of government as "people are elected to represent the views ... of the greater population."

In part (c) the response earned 1 point by describing one reason why the framers of the U.S. Constitution chose a republican form of government over a direct democracy. The response states "their 'inherent distrust' of the people" caused the framers to believe "that if a direct democracy were to exist, people would vote selfishly, not considering the needs of others."

In part (d) the response earned 2 points. One point was earned for describing a trustee as when "a member of Congress votes on his or her personnel [*sic*] opinion or viewpoint." A second point was earned by describing a delegate as when "a Congress person acts according to the people he or she is representing."

In part (e) the response did not earn a point because no clear explanation is given about why a member of Congress might sometimes act as a trustee rather than a delegate. No point was given if the response explains some variation of personal gain.

Sample: 1C Score: 2

In part (a) the response earned 1 point. One point was earned for defining direct democracy as "people vote directly for whatever is being voted for. There is no middle man."

In part (b) the response earned 1 point. One point was earned for defining republican form of government as "elected officials are voted into office by the people."

In part (c) the response did not earn a point because there is no clear description of why the framers of the U.S. Constitution chose a republican form of government over a direct democracy. No clear distinction is made between what might be expected in a direct democracy and a republican form of government.

In part (d) the response did not earn any points. The response did not accurately describe either the trustee model or the delegate model of congressional representation.

In part (e) the response did not earn a point for explaining why a member of Congress might sometimes act as a trustee rather than a delegate. The response inaccurately uses a partian argument to explain the trustee model.