Instructions: Select one (1) of the following essay questions and write a well formulated response, making sure to answer each component of the essay question. The essay response must conform to the following requirements:

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Essay Questions

1. Describe some of the problems under the Articles of Confederation that led to the drafting of a new constitution. In your answer, be sure to discuss national defense, foreign affairs, and the national government’s power under the Articles of Confederation as well as Shays’s Rebellion.

2. The process of ratifying the Constitution generated extensive disagreements between Federalists and Antifederalists. Discuss three issues that divided the Federalists and Antifederalists during the ratification debate and summarize each side’s arguments on these issues.

3. Trace the evolution of American federalism since the Founding. In addition to a discussion of the ways in which power is distributed under this system, consider the major institutional and judicial changes that occurred after ratification of the Constitution, the decline of “dual federalism,” and the rise of “new federalism” after the Great Depression.

4. Perhaps the most significant constitutional powers of the president are those concerning waging war. Explore the president’s war powers. What are they? How have different presidents exercised those powers? What are the war powers of Congress? How has Congress attempted to limit the president’s unilateral use of war powers?

5. Describe how Congress exercises its checks and balances over the executive branch. Which chamber of Congress has more authority over the executive branch? Provide examples. How might partisanship help to diminish the exercise of congressional power over the presidency? Explain.

6. Describe the challenge of bureaucratic accountability. What is oversight and how does congressional action shape bureaucratic responsibility? What are some possible ways in which the president can gain more control of the bureaucracy?