

POLITICAL SCIENCE 1101 SECTION 41, COCHRAN
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT
FALL SEMESTER 2018
MIDTERM EXAM

- Answer only the number of questions indicated. If you answer more than that, I'll grade the first answers I come to and I won't count the rest.
- Tell me everything that you think is reasonably related to the question that I ask. You lose credit for leaving out relevant information, for including irrelevant information, and for including wrong information.
- Write legibly. If I can't read it, I can't grade it and you can't get credit for it. Good grammar and spelling aren't required as long as I can understand the answer.
- Once the exam begins, I cannot answer any substantive questions about it.
- If you leave the room for any reason, you cannot resume taking the exam.
- To complete the exam, you must turn in this exam, turn in your bluebook, and sign the roll. I will not count anything written on this exam form--only information in the bluebook.
- The Student Code of Conduct is in force. **NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES ALLOWED FOR ANY REASON.**
- I'll take up the papers at 1:45 PM sharp.

I. Answer one of the following questions. (This answer counts 60% of the midterm exam grade.)

- a.) Discuss the basic considerations of society, government, and politics that we examined at the beginning of the course, including the problems regarding the relationship of the individuals to each other and to the group; the definition and nature of "government"; the definitions of "law" and "policy" and how they are related; and the nature and definition of statehood.
- b.) Identify and describe each of the major constitutional clauses related to federalism

II. Identify, describe, and tell the importance of four of the following questions. (Each answer counts 10% of the midterm exam grade.)

- 1.) The Mayflower Compact
- 2.) Natural rights
- 3.) The Articles of Confederation
- 4.) Gibbons v. Ogden
- 5.) The Seventeenth Amendment
- 6.) The "nuclear option"