

## AP Government Quarter Test

### Public Opinion, Political Socialization, Political Parties, and Interest Groups

**Instructions:** Answer TWO of the following. You may use the Sabato book, the Woll book, and your notes to help you answer these questions.

1. Discuss and analyze the various views of the role of factions (political parties and interest groups) in U.S. government. Beginning with Madison's *Federalist* #10 explain how the view of the value of political parties has changed over the course of American history. You should refer to articles in the Woll reader and ideas presented in the Sabato textbook in your explanation. What is the current condition and power of parties and interest groups?
2. Trace and discuss the history of political parties and interest groups in the United States. Is there a relationship between the decline of political parties and the rise of interest groups? What are the causes of these occurrences (the decline of parties and the rise of interest groups)? What are the consequences of these occurrences for our system of government?
3. Discuss the various sources of public opinion and agents of political socialization as they pertain to the behavior of voters. Use *Democratic Practice and Democratic Theory* and *The Responsible Electorate* in your answer. Use the behavior of voters in the critical presidential elections of 1860 and 1932 as examples.