**2000 AP Exam**

**Federalism** & **Constitution v. Articles of Confederation**

a) Three problems of decentralized power that existed under the Articles of

Confederation. For each problem you listed, identify one solution that the Constitution provided to address the problem.

b) Choose one, explain how it illustrates that the tensions between decentralized and

centralized power continue to exist.

* Environmental policy
* Gun control
* Disability access

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**Question 1 Scoring Guidelines**

5 POINTS TOTAL

Part A : 3 points total

* 1 point for each problem clearly linked to a solution. If only problem OR solution is given, no credit
* No credit if problem is only implicit, not clearly listed
* Possible examples of A:
  + Amendment process
  + Creation of a dominant national legislature
  + Creation of an executive
  + Interstate commerce
  + National court system
  + Power to coin money
  + Power to raise a military force
  + Power to tax/raise revenue
  + Settle disputes between states
  + Supermajority
  + “Supremacy Clause”
  + Treaties
  + Reference to other enumerated powers of Article 1, Section 8

Part B: 2 points total

* 1 point for general description of specific continuing tensions between centralization and decentralization (federal/state; federal/local governments) with at least implicit linkage to one of the three policy areas.
* 2 points for a specific explanation of the continuing tensions between centralization and decentralization (federal/state; federal/local governments) with explicit linkage to one of the three policy areas.
* Explanation has to say how, why, etc.