AP Government Exam II Review Sheet

Chapters 5-9

Chapter 5: Public Opinion

1. Why do political scientists measure public opinion?
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2. Why have theories about public opinion changes?
3. What do ideology and party identification have in common…in regards to changeability?
4. What is political socialization? What are the greatest agents of political socialization?
5. What kinds of poll/survey questions produce the most sensible, thoughtful and accurate responses?
6. How does public opinion influence the government?

Chapter 6: Media

1. Why was the FCC created? Why did the government deem it necessary to regulate media?
2. How had the internet influenced changed American politics?

Chapter 7: Political Parties

1. What are the major aspects of American parties?
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2. What was the New Deal Coalition? Where did it come from? To whom did it appeal?
3. What is the difference between a political machine and a political party?
4. What are the characteristics of the current/modern congress?
5. What is the one major difference between people who identify with the two major parties and Independents?
6. “If you are trying to predict how someone will vote the most important thing to know is…”
7. Explain how the different parties do/ do not cooperate in government.

Chapter 8: Elections

1. Briefly summarize the election process from pre-nomination to election.
2. Explain “Winner-Take-All” and how it might be a barrier to Third Party candidates.
3. What role does the Electoral College play in elections?
4. What are the restrictions/limitations on different types of funding organizations?
5. What key factors influence voters’ choice?

Chapter 9: Interest Groups

1. What’s the goal of Interest Groups?
2. What are some regulations on Lobbyists? Why do these regs exist?
3. What’s “free riding”? Is this a blessing or a curse?
4. How do interest groups attempt to impact policy?
5. The book mentions four reasons interest groups are only marginally successful. Explain.
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6. How do we measure the success of an interest group?