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## SECTION A

### Question 1

Compare and contrast the comparative government and political system's approaches and analyze why the latter was widely regarded as an improved method for comparative inquiry.

### Question 2

Outline and discuss the main features of globalization and critically analyze its impact on less developed states.

### Question 3

Outline and critically discuss the two major models for the comparative study of interest group politics. In your view, which of these models creates an environment most conducive to the exercise of power and influence by ordinary citizens?

### Question 4

What is the link between the nature of public bureaucracy and the extent of democracy in a given political system?

## SECTION B

### Question 5

What are the key lessons that emerge from the recent global economic crisis in relation to the dominant economies of China and the USA?

### Question 6

Discuss the major effects of global capitalism on the political systems of China and India. What conclusions would you draw?

### Question 7

A comparative analysis of China and Russia's post socialist reforms leads to a number of significant conclusions regarding the possibility for change and transformation. Critically discuss the above statement.

### Question 8

The ultimate test to China's development success lies in the extent of the power and influence exercised by the ordinary people. Critically discuss the above statement.