FINAL EXAM QUESTIONS

DIRECTIONS: On the Final Exam you will be asked to answer one of the following essay questions. You should be prepared to write, at minimum, a 500 word answer to each question.

Identify and explain some of the roles of the president of the U.S. What is the “Dilemma of the Presidency”? It has been said that if American Government is to work the president has to make it work. Explain what this means. Why is it necessary for the president to "make the government work"? Explain with examples. What "tools" does the president have to make the government work? What type person does the president have to be if he is to be an effective president? Explain and illustrate.

What is the "Dilemma" of Congress? Explain fully. How is it that Congress attempts to cope with its dilemma? What is the work of Congress and how is it that Congress gets Congresspersons to do it? What is the relevance of committees, seniority, specialization and expertise to these problems? What is the problem of "majority building" and how is it accomplished in the U.S. Congress? What are "iron triangles" and what is their significance? What are the implications for the quality of government and policy making in the U.S.?

DIRECTIONS: On the final exam ten of the following terms will be selected and you will be asked to identify and indicate the significance of eight of the ten selected terms:

- Faction
- John Locke
- The Argument of the Invisible Hand
- Classical Liberalism
- Pluralism
- Federalism
- Laissez Faire
- The New Deal
- Engine Charlie
- States’ Rights
- Seniority
- Effective governance
- Iron Triangles
- PAC’s
- Patronage
- Open Primary
- Cloture
- Sociological Representation
- Delegate Representation
- Trustee Representation
- Conference Committee
- Legislative Oversight
- Credit-Claiming
- Reciprocity
- Professional Reputation
- Mandate
- Executive Agreement
- OMB
- Paper Trail
- Independent Regulatory Commissions
- Gridlock
- Selective Incorporation
- Judicial Review
- Marbury v. Madison (1803)
- McCulloch v. Maryland (1819)
- Plessy v. Ferguson (1896)
- Supremacy Clause
- Judicial Activism
- Stare Decisis