

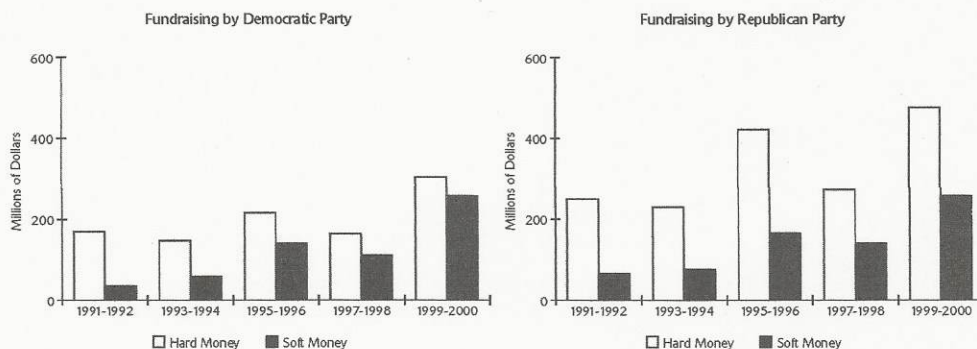
## Section II: Free-Response Questions

**Time: 100 minutes**

**4 questions**

**Directions:** You have 100 minutes to answer all four of the following questions. Unless the directions indicate otherwise, respond to all parts of all four questions. It is suggested that you take a few minutes to plan and outline each answer. Spend approximately one-fourth of your time (25 minutes) on each question. Illustrate your essay with substantive examples where appropriate. Be sure to number each answer in the same way the question is numbered below.

1. From the Constitutional Convention through the 2000 election, Americans have debated the proper relationship between the states and the federal government.
  - a. Describe two models or theories of federalism.
  - b. Discuss two advantages and two disadvantages of federalism.
  
2. The graphs below show the amount of money raised by the Democratic and Republican parties from the 1992 election cycle through the 2000 election cycle.



Using this information and your knowledge of recent U.S. politics, do the following:

- a. Identify two trends that the graphs show.
  - b. Define hard money and soft money, and how each is used.
  - c. Discuss how recent changes in campaign finance law are likely to impact party fundraising.
3. The legislative process takes place inside and outside of Congress. Explain the role of each of the following in enacting legislation:
    - a. committee system
    - b. interest groups
    - c. the president
  
  4. Although relations between the media and the government are often called adversarial, the two institutions actually have a symbiotic relationship. Describe how their relationship is symbiotic, and provide two examples for the media and two examples for the government that demonstrate their relationship.

IF YOU FINISH BEFORE TIME IS CALLED, CHECK YOUR WORK ON THIS SECTION ONLY. DO NOT WORK ON ANY OTHER SECTION IN THE TEST.

