

**Comparative Politics Candidacy Examination – Prof. Shabad
Autumn 2010
Day 2**

Directions: Answer TWO of the following questions from part C. Note that certain questions cannot be combined. This is a 4 hour exam.

Important: In questions where a choice of theoretical arguments or body of literature is given to you, you may not use the same body of research that is discussed in any other question (including from day one of the exam). Also, be sure to provide empirical evidence in support of your claims.

PART C: Please answer TWO of the following questions. You may NOT respond to both questions #3 and #4.

- 1) Policymakers in the United States have recently placed greater efforts on promoting democracy abroad on the grounds that this type of regime produces better policy outcomes. What does the literature on comparative politics have to say on this topic? Please pick two policy areas where comparativists have made arguments relevant to this claim.
- 2) Does the “classic” literature on the development and stabilization of party systems in older Western democracies serve as a useful framework for understanding the development and stabilization of party systems in more recent cases of democratization in Eastern Europe, Latin America, or Asia?
- 3) “Elections under authoritarianism do not promote democratization; they promote authoritarian stability.” Discuss.

OR

- 4) Are elections effective instruments of accountability?