

To be completed by the Jury. Please don't leave any comments here!

CODE	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	Task 5	Total points
	Max 25	Max 10	Max 20	Max 25	Max 20	Max 100

MODERN POLITICS

**11th Grade
Variant 1**

**to be completed within 120 minutes
Maximum score – 100 points**

Task 1. (*maximum grade - 25 points*)

At the international youth festival “Future of Our World,” Russian 11th grader Semyon Mindalev meets other participants from the USA and Britain – Gabi and Cindy. When discussing certain characteristics of the relationship between state and society in their respective countries, Semyon decides to show off his knowledge, since he’s already gotten ready to apply to a political science programme offered by a top Moscow university. He declares that everything comes down to political culture and tells the girls the following:

“According to Gabriel Almond and Sidney Verba, there’s a type of political culture that can be called ‘civic culture’. This is a unique type of culture, which in no way relates to the other three types of political culture. It’s unique in that only in such a system can a citizen actually take part in political processes. On the other hand, in such a political culture, the main task for elites in their relations with society is to stimulate the political engagement of citizens. However, examples of societies with this particular type of political culture are quite rare: even current democracies like the USA and Britain still haven’t quite developed to this level.”

Gabi and Cindy reply that they have “read something, too” and advise Semyon to be attentive to what he reads.

- 1. How does civic culture compare to the other three types of political culture?**
- 2. What is the purpose of the elite in terms of interacting with society in a civic culture?**
- 3. How does civic culture relate to current democratic systems in reality?**

Date:

- I. 1848
- II. 1882
- III. 1950
- IV. 1973
- V. 1983

System of ideas:

- Q) socialism
- W) pacifism
- X) monarchism
- Y) communism
- Z) anti-totalitarianism

Table of answers:

Political slogan/ famous expression	Author of or person/organization famous for this slogan	Date	System of ideas
1			
2			
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Task 4. (maximum grade - 25 points)



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The above image portrays how a combination of state structures relates to a form of government. Please answer the following questions:

4.1. In your view, what is the idea that the author wants to convey in regards to these concepts? (5 points)

4.2. What conclusions can you present in favor of the author’s position? (10 points)

4.3. What conclusions can you present against the position of the author? (10 points)

Task 5. (maximum grade - 20 points)

Imagine that Twitter was invented in the 18th century. Adam Smith could use this social network instead of long tracts – after all, on Twitter he can economize his efforts, in the same sense as his “homo economicus” concept. With his Twitter account @invisible_hand, he might write the following (using 2 tweets only):

When will people finally realize, that the best outcomes of social collaboration CAN come out of voluntary relations? Regulation is not necessary! #market

The market is a model for how society should be organized! If you just let people do their own thing, prosperity will follow!

Now imagine you are one of the following famous thinkers: Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Karl Marx, or Friedrich Von Hayek. Each of them could comment on Adam Smith’s tweets. After indicating the name of the thinker who you would write as, please present an argument in the form of a series of tweets, from this person’s point of view from the history of political thought, and comment on Smith’s position. You can only post a maximum of 4 tweets.

