**MSL Practice Constructed Responses**

**Unit 1**

Explain how two events from American history led to the creation of democratic government in the United States.

The Anti-Federalists feared that a strong central government would violate the rights of the people and the states. Take a position on the Anti-Federalist point of view and give two reasons for your position.

**Unit 2**

The Enlightenment had a great influence on the founding principles of the United States. Explain one Enlightenment idea and give a specific example of how this idea is reflected in the Constitution.

How have the rights of citizens changed over time? Explain the change and give examples of two Amendments that show this change.

**Unit 3**

What could the government do to respond to a terrorist attack on American soil? Provide examples of how the federal government and the NC state government could each respond to the crisis.

Describe one strength and one weakness of the system of checks and balances used between the three branches of our federal government.

**Unit 4**

What is the difference between a duty and a responsibility of citizenship? Give an example of each.

Do you agree more with the Democratic or the Republican party? Support your position with an explanation of the party’s overall platform and an example of a specific plank in the platform.

**Unit 5**

Explain two types of laws that are enacted by the government with an example of each. Choose from: civil, criminal, administrative, constitutional, or statutory.

Does the two-party system help or hurt the American democracy? Choose a position and give two reasons to support your answer.

**Unit 6**

Identify two Supreme Court that expanded the rights of the accused. For each case, explain how the decisions expanded the rights of the accused.

Explain the difference between civil and criminal law. Then, give an example of how the due process of law differs in criminal and civil trials.

**Unit 7**

Do you agree with the saying, “the rich get richer, and the poor get poorer?” State your position, and then support it with two specific examples.

Describe an economic trade-off you have faced. What was the opportunity cost of the choice you made?

**Unit 8**

Identify two different types of economies, and then give an example of how each type deals with the problem of scarcity.

Adam Smith referred to the interaction of supply and demand as the “invisible hand.” Explain what he meant and give a specific example of how it works.

**Unit 9**

Why and how does the government try to prevent monopolies?

Describe an economic recession using two economic indicators. Explain one policy that can be used by the government during a recession.

**Unit 10**

Describe one benefit and one drawback of being economically interdependent with other countries.

Do you agree more with Free Trade or Protectionist trade policies? Take a position and support it with a specific example.