

Course ID: SOC101 **Course Name:** Principles of Government and Democracy **Test Name:** The Role of Government in Society **Test Type:** Essay

Scoring Criteria (Total: 50 points)

Criteria	Description	Points
Understanding of Government Functions	Demonstrates a clear understanding of the roles and responsibilities of government.	15 points
Use of Examples & Evidence	Provides historical or real-world examples to support arguments.	10 points
Critical Thinking & Analysis	Evaluates the balance between individual rights and societal needs.	10 points
Organization & Coherence	Presents ideas in a logical order with clear transitions.	10 points
Grammar, Syntax & Vocabulary	Writing is clear, formal, and free of major errors.	5 points

Detailed Social Studies Rubric

Criteria	5 (Excellent)	3–4 (Proficient)	1–2 (Developing)	0 (Needs Improvement)
Understanding of Government Functions (15 pts)	Clearly explains multiple roles of government with strong detail.	Covers key roles but lacks depth or clarity.	Mentions government functions but with errors or missing details.	Does not demonstrate an understanding of government roles.
Use of Examples & Evidence (10 pts)	Uses strong historical or real-world examples effectively.	Provides examples, but some lack explanation or relevance.	Includes few or weak examples with minimal analysis.	No examples or completely inaccurate evidence.
Critical Thinking & Analysis (10 pts)	Thoughtfully analyzes the balance between individual rights and government authority.	Addresses the issue but lacks deeper analysis.	Basic or superficial understanding with limited evaluation.	No critical thinking or analysis.
Organization & Coherence (10 pts)	Essay is well-organized with clear transitions.	Mostly structured but some points feel disjointed.	Ideas are scattered, making it hard to follow.	Poor organization with no logical flow.

**Grammar,
Syntax &
Vocabulary
(5 pts)**

Writing is well-polished
and formal.

Some grammar
issues but
generally clear.

Multiple grammar
mistakes that
affect readability.

Poor grammar
makes
comprehension
difficult.