Part I: Short answers. Answer FIVE of the following eight questions only. If you answer more than five questions, only the first five will be graded. Answers should be one page in length (typed, double-spaced); they should be as complete yet concise as possible, using evidence from the assigned readings. Avoid using direct quotes from the readings in your short answers. 10 points each.

1. Why did George Washington find it necessary and prudent to issue his Proclamation of Neutrality in 1793?

2. Andrew Jackson claimed that the American people had confidence in him as president, and that he had faith in the judgment of the people. How did his actions as president reflect this view?

3. Why did Abraham Lincoln believe that his suspension of the writ of habeas corpus was not unconstitutional?

4. According to Theodore Roosevelt in “The Presidency: Making an Old Party Progressive,” what was the difference between the Jackson-Lincoln and Buchanan-Taft views of the office of the presidency?

5. Woodrow Wilson wrote that “the whole art of statesmanship is the art of bringing the several parts of government into effective cooperation.” What aspects of the office allow the president to accomplish this, according to Wilson?

6. What is the place of the United States in the world, according to Calvin Coolidge, and what are the duties of the United States toward other nations?

7. What was Franklin Roosevelt’s “court packing” plan and how did he justify it to the American people?

8. In his 1964 speech “A Time for Choosing,” Ronald Reagan claimed, “Somewhere a perversion has taken place.” What was that “perversion,” and how and when had it taken place, according to Reagan?

Part II: Essay. Choose ONE of the two options below. Your essay should be as long as you think necessary to adequately address all relevant points. 50 points total.

A. You are POTUS. Cuba is in a state of violent revolution. The communist regime is collapsing. You have discovered that the Chinese government has already taken steps to support the existing regime. Congress seems hesitant to make any statements or take any actions regarding the conflict. Prepare an address to Congress (i.e., the American people) explaining the actions you will take (or not take) and why. Use examples from the readings assigned for the course to justify your policy and actions.

B. You are POTUS. Congress has passed the Franken-Lugar Regulatory Reform Act of 2009. The Act places strict limits on the ability of the President to take discretionary measures when regulating domestic economic and business activity. Among other things, the Act requires the president to report any planned regulatory activity to Congress two months in advance, and authorizes Congress to veto any regulatory actions by the president’s administration. Prepare a message to Congress explaining why you will approve or veto the Act. Use examples from the readings assigned for the course to justify your decision.