**APG / INTEREST GROUPS & MEDIA Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**REVIEW GUIDE / MR. BRZEZINSKI Hour : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

INTEREST GROUPS

1. What does the size of an interest group have in common with extremist positions?
2. How did labor unions form?
3. What do purposive membership organizations count on to maintain strength?
4. Explain why Americans tend to participate in civic associations more than other citizens worldwide.
5. Success of interest groups are greatest when the issue they represent is fairly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. When was the peak of the union movement in the United States? What portion of the non-farm work force is unionized today?
7. What percentage of the interest groups in Washington are corporations? \_\_\_\_\_% What does this suggest when it comes to creating public policy?
8. How did Ralph Nader become famous?
9. Primary function of political action committees (PAC’s)?
10. Who might a corporate lobbyist have a discussion about a pending policy matter?
11. List four reasons why interest groups representing businesspeople and investors are often the most successful lobbying groups in Washington D.C.

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ELECTIONS AND CAMPAIGNS

1. Explain two reasons why *incumbents* have an advantage over challengers in elections.
2. *Partisan Identification*
3. Explain *ticket-splitin*g
4. Explain *straight-ticket* voting
5. Effects of gerrymandering on national and state elections
6. Gubenatorial?
7. Compare and contrast Presidential Campaigns vs. Congressional Campaigns
   1. Competitiveness:
   2. Incumbency advantage:
   3. Public or privately funded:
   4. Strategies used to win:
8. In 2012, where do most Americans identify themselves on the political spectrum?
9. Voter turnout in midterms versus presidential elections?
10. What offices are up for re-election during the mid-term elections?
11. True or False : The number of voters always increases between elections.
12. Voting behavior of Americans over the age of 65?
13. Explain why efforts to reform financing American political campaigns have been limited in success.

MEDIA

1. Describe the relationship between the public officials and the media.
2. Where do local newspapers (Macomb daily, Detroit News, Oakland Press) get their national news?
3. What do the Washington Post and the New York Times have in common?
4. Describe Nixon’s relationship with the national press.
5. FCC regulations over T.V. and radio
6. What role do the national newspapers play on the political process?
7. Explain these 3 Roles of the media and use examples
   1. Gatekeeper
   2. Scorekeeper
   3. Watch Dog