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**PLSC 240: INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS**  
**Quiz 4 (28 September 2001)**

1. ( ) electoral systems require political parties to build party coalitions in the legislature to achieve majorities.
  - a. Majoritarian
  - b. Proportional
  - c. both a and b
  - d. neither a nor b
  
2. ( ) The most commonly used electoral system in the world is the \_\_\_\_\_ System.
  - a. Majoritarian
  - b. Semi-Proportional
  - c. Proportional
  - d. None of the above
  
3. ( ) One consequence of the Majoritarian electoral system is that it tends to
  - a. over-represent large political parties
  - b. accurately represent small parties
  - c. under-represent smaller political parties
  - d. both a and b
  - e. both a and c
  
4. ( ) Electoral systems matter because they tend to
  - a. discourage communism
  - b. increase or decrease the number of political parties
  - c. increase or decrease voter turnout
  - d. all of the above
  - e. B, C, but not A

**5. Essay Question**

Indicate whether or not you agree with the following assertion: "Electoral systems are the most important tool that the author of a constitution has at her disposal to tinker with the balance of power in a nation." If you agree with this statement, explain how you think the balance of power is likely to be altered by selecting particular election systems over others. If you disagree with this statement, explain why you don't think that the consequences of each system are critical to the balance of political power in a country. Be sure to support your answer with evidence from your research in the workbook.

**6. ExplorIt Question**

Use the GLOBAL file and the Cross-tabulation task to analyze the following variables: use 77) ELECTSYSTM2 as the column variable and 75) FREE3; 67) GOVERNMENT; 71) POL RIGHTS2; and 73) CIVIL LIB2 as row variables. Finally, conduct an analysis to see the distribution of electoral systems by the 7-Worlds typology [Column: 64) WORLDS.7; Row 77) ELECTSYSTM]. Has the PR fanatic overstated his/her case, or does the evidence support him/her? As you make your case, be sure to cite evidence to support your position. Also, append any tables that you reference in your essay.