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1. (1) What is Electoral College?
(2) Hilary Rodham Clinton, former first lady and front runner in the Democratic preliminary election now, and Al Gore, former vice president and presidential candidate of the Democratic Party in 2000, criticized the system of Electoral College and called for abolishing it after the Democrats lost their presidential bid.
Why?
(3) However, the system of Electoral College has remained intact since it was established more than two hundred years ago.
Why?
2. (1) What is judicial review?
(2) What are the assumptions on which judicial review is based?
(2) How did the Supreme Court assert the power of judicial review in the famous case of Marbury v. Madison in 1803?
(4) What has been the impact since the Supreme Court asserted such a power?
3. (1) What is "party realignment"?
(2) Which presidential election in the last century can be called "party realignment"?
Why?
(3) Will you call the presidential elections of 1980 and 1984 "party realignment"?
Why or why not?
4. (1) The U.S. president enjoys formal and informal powers. How can he resist the temptation of presidential power so that he will not abuse his power?
(2) Among his informal powers, which is the most important one?
(3) How can he avoid being the scapegoat under the presidential system?
5. The U.S. Congress usually plays a passive role in the conduct of foreign and military policy. Then, why did it take initiative in the following diplomatic and military affairs?
 - (1) War Power Act of 1973
 - (2) Taiwan Relations Act of 1979
 - (3) Quadrennial Defense Review in the mid-1990s