FRQ Example

In most countries, the concept of the state as a political unit is subject to the tensions between centrifugal and centripetal forces. Governments are often challenged by the devolutionary factors that challenge state sovereignty.

(A) Define the concept of the multinational state.

(B) Explain how ethnicity can be a factor that leads to the devolution of a state.

(C) Explain how communication technology plays an important role in the goals of devolutionary groups and democracy movements.

(D) Explain the limitations of communication technology in furthering the goals of devolutionary groups and democracy movements.

(E) Describe ONE centripetal force that governments use to promote the state as a nation.

(F) Explain how uneven development within a state can act as a centrifugal force.

(G) For a multinational state facing the realities of devolution, explain why a government would choose to create an autonomous region or choose to maintain a unitary state.