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**M.A. C M EHEN I E E AMINA I N**  
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This exam consists of questions drawn from the field of American Politics and questions drawn specifically from our Applied Politics concentration offered through the Public Affairs and Advocacy

1. There is widespread agreement among scholars that while various institutional forces can

environment? When possible, use specific examples and authoritative sources to support your arguments.

3. You have been awarded a grant to study the politics and impact of interest groups and lobbying on public policy making in America. Your task is to analyze the goals, tactics and strategies of the adversaries involved in *one* recent domestic policy battle (e.g. health care, financial reform, climate change policy, etc.). Bolster the credibility of your analysis with relevant scholarship, lectures, presentations, and any other authoritative sources on the topics of lobbying and interest groups that come to mind.