Political Science 1100, Spring 2015

Exam 3 covers the following material:
Class, March 11 - April 6
Jillson, pages 264-366
Annual Editions, pages 68-70, 76-80, 84-96, 102-104, 113-127, 144-151

Here are some short answer questions to study for the exam. Three of these questions will appear on the exam; you have to answer one of the three. The best answers will be clear and concise explanations that demonstrate mastery of the ideas by defining the key terms, using these terms accurately and including **specific examples**. This section is worth a maximum of 20 points.

1. According to class, how do incumbent members of Congress behave in a way they help them win reelection? Be sure to explain advertising, credit-claiming, position-taking, and fund-raising. How do committees and staff help them?

2. According to class, what are the key leadership positions in Congress (names of people are not required for this answer). What are the six leadership tools leaders in Congress use to get cooperation from members?

3. In class, after we discussed Congress from the point of view of individuals and the institution, we drew several conclusions. Describe why James Fallows believes that presidents fail (in “Obama Explained,” Annual Editions, pages 86-87)? What are the four kinds of weaknesses that Fallows sees in Barack Obama pages 88-89)? Explain clearly, using examples.