**Questions on Iran Briefing (pp 1-30)**

1. Define “theocracy” and Supreme Leader.”

2. Is Iran a high, middle, or low income nation? Explain.

3. What is a “shah”? When was the last Shah of Iran deposed? What was the Shah’s main legacy in Iran?

4. What is a “rentier state” and a “rentier economy”? How are both Iran and Nigeria examples of rentier economies?

5. What were the main causes and results of the 1979 Iranian Revolution?

6. Diagram the government of Iran. Identify the names and powers of each part of your diagram.

7. Political parties are not particularly strong Iran. Why not?

8. Iran has competitive elections but this development has NOT led to widespread democratization. Why not?

9. What are some of the chief limitations that you can see in the Iranian Constitution (1979)?

10. Identify and discuss two main cleavages in Iranian society.