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1. Explain how “the overlapping and factional nature” of Iran politics is a source of both stability and gridlock. (p. 38) (p. 38)
2. Identify the term “negative power.”
3. Identify three things that define the political system in Iran. (p. 40)
4. Describe “dowrehs.” (p. 42)
5. Describe the 1989 constitutional amendment regarding the selection of the Supreme Leader.
6. Why does Khamenei encourage factional rivalry? (p. 47)
7. Describe the factional network controlled by Rafsanjani and explain why it is a threat to Khamenei. (p. 50)
8. Describe Khodi.
9. Describe/define bonyads. (p. 57) Explain how they wield political power.
10. Describe the Imam Reza Shrine Foundation. Explain how they make money.
11. Explain how the Revolutionary Guard has been amasses economic power. (p. 59)
12. Describe evidence of political activity by the Revolutionary Guard. (p. 60-62)
13. How does the Revolutionary Guard keep “rank-and-file” Basijj in line? (p. 63)

**Complete this chart of the four main political factions in Iran. (p. 68-73)**

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| Name of Faction | Ideology | Sources of Power | Leaders |
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1. Why is it difficult to determine in advance how alliances will form around specific issues? (p. 119)
2. Describe two pieces of advice that the authors of this research gave to the US government. (p. 124)