**V. CRITICAL THINKING ESSAY (10 PTS)**

**Directions:** Select **one** of the following essay questions.

* Write a *detailed response on the back of this of page* that provides supporting details and a well-reasoned argument.
* Write the question you are responding to at the top of the page and begin your response with a complete sentence.

**A).** **How might a Democracy descend into a Dictatorship?**

*\*Use your knowledge of the 5 Basic Concepts of Democracy, historical/current event examples and/or your own*

*ideas to guide your response.*

**B). Do you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following quote? Why or why not?**

*\*Use your knowledge of the 5 Basic Concepts of Democracy, historical/current event examples and/or your own*

*ideas to guide your response.*

*“Democracy holds that a majority will be right more often than it will be wrong, and that*

*the majority will also be right more often than any one person or small group will.”*

**C). Evaluate the current state of our democracy in the U.S.A. How “healthy”**

**do you consider our democracy to be using the following 1-10 scale?**

1. *Diagnose the condition of our democracy by selecting a number 1 – 10 that best reflects the current condition of our democracy and cite that number in your response.*

* 1 = dying
* 2 = poor condition
* 5 = fairly stable
* 6 – 9 = good condition
* 10 = perfect condition

1. *Use your knowledge of the 5 Basic Concepts of Democracy, current events and your own ideas to support your diagnosis.*