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Answer THREE questions in no more than 4.5 hours. Try to minimize overlap in your answers.

1. The "reinventing government" movement is now more than a decade old. Write an essay explaining its origins, objectives, achievements, and shortcomings. For the purposes of the essay you may treat "reinvention" and the New Public Management synonymously.
2. The U.S. constitutional separation of powers is generally thought to have major impacts on U.S. national (federal) level administration. What are some of those impacts and why are they important to the field of public administration?
3. The politics-administration dichotomy is sometimes said to "confound the study of public administration." What is