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Political Parties vs. Interest Groups: Understanding the Differences

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. (Answers will vary but should explore advantages and disadvantages of both types of organizations in influencing government.)
2. (Answers will vary but should address the distinct goals and roles of political parties and interest groups in a democratic system.)
3. (Answers should explain the concept of lobbying and its significance in advocacy organizations' efforts to influence government policies.)
4. (Answers should consider the ways in which interest groups can shape public opinion and the impact this has on government decisions.)

