

Answers to the following questions are to be written in the separate essay booklet.

In developing your answers to Parts II and III, be sure to keep these general definitions in mind:

- (a) **explain** means “to make plain or understandable; to give reasons for or causes of; to show the logical development or relationships of”
- (b) **discuss** means “to make observations about something using facts, reasoning, and argument; to present in some detail”
- (c) **describe** means “to illustrate something in words or tell about it”
- (d) **evaluate** means “to examine and judge the significance, worth, or condition of; to determine the value of”

Part II

THEMATIC ESSAY QUESTION

Directions: Write a well-organized essay that includes an introduction, several paragraphs addressing the task below, and a conclusion.

Theme: Geography

Geographic factors have influenced historical developments and historical events of nations and regions.

Task:

Choose *two* nations and/or regions and for each:

- Identify and describe *two* geographic factors in each nation and/or region
- Explain how *each* factor has influenced the historical development or a specific historical event in each nation and/or region

You may use any nation and/or region and any geographic factors from your study of global history and geography. **Do not use the United States in your answer.** Some factors you might wish to consider include deserts, river valleys, or oil in the Middle East; river valleys, monsoons, or the Himalaya Mountains in India; natural resources or the island location of Japan or Great Britain; the river valley or the desert in Egypt; the regular coastline or resources in South Africa; the Amazon rain forest or the Andes Mountains in South America.

You are *not* limited to these suggestions.

Guidelines:

In your essay, be sure to:

- Address all aspects of the *Task*
- Support the theme with relevant facts, examples, and details
- Use a logical and clear plan of organization
- Introduce the theme by establishing a framework that is beyond a simple restatement of the *Task* and conclude with a summation of the theme