

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

In developing your answer to Part II, be sure to keep these general definitions in mind:

- (a) **discuss** means “to make observations about something using facts, reasoning, and argument; to present in some detail”
- (b) **describe** means “to illustrate something in words or tell about it”
- (c) **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: Economic Systems

Societies have developed different economic systems for many reasons. Some of these economic systems include manorialism, capitalism, and communism.

Task:

Identify **one** society and **one** economic system that has been used or is being used in that society and

- Discuss the historical circumstances surrounding the development of that economic system
- Describe **two** features of the economic system
- Evaluate the impact the economic system had on this society during a specific historical period

You may use any society from your study of global history. Some suggestions you might wish to consider include western Europe during the Middle Ages, western Europe during the Industrial Revolution, the Soviet Union between 1917 and 1990, Japan after World War II, China since 1949, and Cuba since 1959.

You are *not* limited to these suggestions.

Do *not* use the United States as the example of a society in your answer.

Guidelines:

In your essay, be sure to:

- Develop all aspects of the task
- Support the theme with relevant facts, examples, and details
- Use a logical and clear plan of organization, including an introduction and a conclusion that are beyond a restatement of the theme