

2013 AP® WORLD HISTORY FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

WORLD HISTORY

SECTION II

Part B

(Suggested planning and writing time—40 minutes)

Percent of Section II score—33 1/3

Directions: You are to answer the following question. You should spend 5 minutes organizing or outlining your essay.

Write an essay that:

- Has a relevant thesis and supports that thesis with appropriate historical evidence.
 - Addresses all parts of the question.
 - Uses world historical context to show continuities and changes over time.
 - Analyzes the process of continuity and change over time.
2. Analyze how political transformations contributed to continuities and changes in the cultures of the Mediterranean region during the period circa 200 C.E. to 1000 C.E.

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Part C

(Suggested planning and writing time—40 minutes)

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Directions: You are to answer the following question. You should spend 5 minutes organizing or outlining your essay.

Write an essay that:

- Has a relevant thesis and supports that thesis with appropriate historical evidence.
 - Addresses all parts of the question.
 - Makes direct, relevant comparisons.
 - Analyzes relevant reasons for similarities and differences.
3. Analyze similarities and differences between the role of the state in Japan's economic development and the role of the state in the economic development of ONE of the following during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

China

Ottoman Empire

Russia

STOP

END OF EXAM

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Question 2

BASIC CORE (competence) **0–7 Points**

1. Has acceptable thesis. **1 Point**

- The thesis accurately addresses and qualifies how political transformations contributed to change **and** continuity in the cultures of the Mediterranean region during the period 200 C.E. to 1000 C.E.
- The thesis must be explicitly stated in the introduction or specified conclusion of the essay.
- The thesis may appear as one sentence or as multiple consecutive sentences.
- A thesis that is split among multiple paragraphs, or merely restates the prompt, is unacceptable.
- The thesis may **not** be counted for credit in any other category.

2. Addresses all parts of the question, though not necessarily evenly or thoroughly. **2 Points**

For 2 points:

- The essay addresses how political transformations contributed to both change and continuity in cultures of the Mediterranean region within the time period.
- The essay may not necessarily relate to the majority of the time period.

For 1 point:

- The essay accurately addresses how a political transformation contributed to **either** change or continuity in the cultures of the Mediterranean region within the time period.
- The essay may not necessarily relate to the majority of the time period.

3. Substantiates thesis with appropriate historical evidence. **2 Points**

For 2 points:

- The essay provides a minimum of **six** pieces of evidence that support discussion of political transformations, change, and/or continuity in the cultures of the Mediterranean region within the time period.
- Evidence provides support for the discussion of change OR continuity.

For 1 point:

- The essay provides a minimum of **three** pieces of evidence that support discussion of political transformations, change, and/or continuity in the cultures of the Mediterranean region within the time period.
- Evidence provides support for the discussion of change OR continuity.

**4. Uses relevant world historical context effectively
to explain change over time and/or continuity.** **1 Point**

The essay explains how world historical context shaped one political transformation's contribution to change or continuity in a culture of the Mediterranean region within the time period. OR, the essay explains how one political transformation's contribution to change or continuity in a culture of the Mediterranean impacted a region outside of the Mediterranean.

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Question 2 (continued)

- 5. Analyzes the process of change over time and/or continuity.** **1 Point**
The essay analyzes the way(s) a political transformation contributed to a change or continuity in one culture of the Mediterranean region in the time period.

Subtotal **7 Points**

EXPANDED CORE (excellence) **0–2 Points**

Expands beyond basic core of 1–7 points. A student must earn **7 points** in the basic core area before earning points in the expanded core area.

Examples:

- Has a clear, analytical, and comprehensive thesis.
- Addresses all parts of the question thoroughly (as relevant): comparisons, chronology, causation, connections, themes, interactions, and content.
- Provides even and ample evidence of change and continuity.
- Analyzes both change and continuity throughout the essay.
- Recognizes nuances within the role of the states.
- Distinguishes between similarities and differences in the effects of political transformations on different cultures of the Mediterranean region

Subtotal **2 Points**

Total **9 Points**