

2005 AP® EUROPEAN HISTORY FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

Part C

(Suggested planning and writing time—35 minutes)

Percent of Section II score—27 1/2

Directions: You are to answer ONE question from the three questions below. Make your selection carefully, choosing the question that you are best prepared to answer thoroughly in the time permitted. You should spend 5 minutes organizing or outlining your answer. Write your answer to the question on the lined pages of the Section II free-response booklet, making sure to indicate the question you are answering by writing the appropriate question number at the top of each page.

Write an essay that:

- Has a relevant thesis.
- Addresses all parts of the question.
- Supports thesis with specific evidence.
- Is well organized.

5. Historians speak of the rise of mass politics in the period from 1880 to 1914. Define this phenomenon and analyze its effects on European politics in this period.
6. Assess the extent to which the economic and political ideals of Karl Marx were realized in postrevolutionary Russia in the period from 1917 to 1939.
7. Analyze the economic, technological, and institutional factors responsible for western Europe's domination of world trade from 1650 to 1800.

END OF EXAM

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Question 5

Historians speak of the rise of mass politics in the period from 1880 to 1914. Define this phenomenon and analyze its effects on European politics in this period.

9–6: Stronger

- Has a clear, well-developed thesis.
- Is well organized.
- Addresses the terms of the question.
- Supports the thesis with specific evidence.
- May contain minor errors; even a 9 need not be flawless.

Indicators for 9–8

- Has a clear, well-developed thesis.
- Contains a clear definition of mass politics.
- Provides a coherent analysis of at least TWO specific ways in which mass politics affected European politics between 1880 and 1914.
- Supports the thesis with evidence.
- May contain minor errors.

Indicators for 7–6

- Has a clear thesis (may be implicit).
- Defines mass politics.
- Provides some analysis of at least one to two ways in which mass politics affected European politics, 1880–1914.
- Provides some evidence to support the thesis.
- May contain a number of minor errors or a single major error.

5–4: Mixed

- Contains a thesis, perhaps superficial or simplistic.
- Provides uneven response to the question's terms.
- May contain errors, factual or interpretive.

Indicators

- Contains a thesis, perhaps superficial or simplistic.
- Defines mass politics, perhaps implicitly or superficially.
- Provides minimal analysis of at least ONE way in which mass politics affected European politics, 1880–1914.
- Provides uneven evidence to support the thesis.
- May contain significant errors and/or irrelevant information.

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Question 5 (continued)

3–0: Weaker

- Thesis is confused, or absent, or merely restates the question.
- Misconstrues the question or omits major tasks.
- May contain major errors.

Indicators for 3–2

- Contains a thesis that is confused, unfocused, or weakly supported.
- Inadequately or partially defines mass politics.
- Shows little understanding of the significance of mass politics in European politics, 1880–1914.
- Provides minimal concrete evidence.
- May contain a number of major errors.

Indicators for 1–0

- Contains a thesis that is irrelevant or unsupported, or has no thesis.
- May not define mass politics correctly, if at all.
- Show virtually no understanding of the impact of mass politics on European politics.
- Has evidence that is irrelevant, missing, or tangential.
- May contain a number of glaring errors.