

2015 AP® EUROPEAN HISTORY FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

EUROPEAN HISTORY SECTION II

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. Analyze the ways in which the expansion of the market economy and new financial practices affected European society in the period 1450 to 1750.
6. Analyze the ways in which the Protestant Reformation and the Catholic Reformation affected the culture of Europe in the period 1500-1700.
7. Analyze the ways in which scientific and philosophical developments affected religion in Europe in the period 1600 to 1750.

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END OF EXAM

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Question 5

Analyze the ways in which the expansion of the market economy and new financial practices affected European society in the period 1450 to 1750.

9–8 Points

- Thesis is explicit and analyzes the links between the market economy, new financial practices, and European society and is specific regarding multiple effects on society.
- Organization is clear, consistently followed, and effective in support of the argument. Market economy and new financial practices need not be discussed separately or compartmentalized.
- Essay is well balanced; all major topics suggested by the prompt are all covered at some length.
- All major assertions in the essay are supported by multiple pieces of relevant evidence.
- May contain errors that do not detract from the argument.

7–6 Points

- Thesis is explicit and discusses the effects of the market economy and new financial practices.
- Organization is clear, effective in support of the argument, but not consistently followed.
- Essay is balanced; does not focus exclusively on one period, region, or topic; it may discuss economic or financial aspects more than effects on society, or vice versa.
- All major assertions in the essay are supported by at least one piece of relevant evidence.
- May contain an error that detracts from the argument.

5–4 Points

- Thesis is explicit, but not fully responsive to the question; it may mention only market economy or new financial practices, or effects on society. It may be very general or limited.
- Organization is clear, effective in support of the argument, but not consistently followed.
- Essay shows some imbalance; some major topics suggested by the prompt are neglected. Essays in this category may deal only with overseas expansion, even if they effectively link it to effects on society.
- Most of the major assertions in the essay are supported by least one piece of relevant evidence.
- May contain a few errors that detract from the argument.

3–2 Points

- No explicit thesis or a thesis that merely repeats/paraphrases the prompt.
- Organization is unclear and ineffective.
- Essay shows serious imbalance, most major topics suggested by the prompt are neglected; it may discuss only economic developments, or may deal only with overseas empires and expansion with no links to societal impact.
- Only one or two major assertions are supported by relevant evidence.
- May contain several errors that detract from the argument.

1–0 Points

- No discernable attempt at a thesis.
- No discernable organization.
- Only one or none of the major topics suggested by the prompt is mentioned.
- Little or no supporting evidence is used.
- May contain numerous errors that detract from the argument.