

2014 AP® WORLD HISTORY FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

**WORLD HISTORY
SECTION II**

Part C

(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.
- Makes direct, relevant comparisons.
- Analyzes relevant reasons for similarities and differences.

3. Analyze similarities and differences in how TWO of the following empires used religion to govern before 1450.

Byzantine Empire

Islamic Caliphates

Mauryan/Gupta Empires

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END OF EXAM

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Question 3

BASIC CORE (competence)

0–7 Points

1. Has acceptable thesis.

1 Point

- The thesis must correctly address both a similarity and a difference in how TWO empires used religion to govern.
- The thesis must be explicitly stated in the introduction or the specified conclusion of the essay.
- The thesis may appear as one sentence or as multiple sentences.
- A thesis that is split among multiple paragraphs or merely restates the prompt is unacceptable.
- The thesis CANNOT count for any other point.

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

1–2 Points

For 2 points:

- Identifies at least one similarity **AND** one difference in the use of religion to govern in the specified empires.

For 1 point:

- Identifies one similarity **OR** one difference in the use of religion to govern in the specified empires.

3. Substantiates thesis with appropriate historical evidence.

1–2 Points

For 2 points:

- Must provide at least five pieces of relevant and accurate evidence related to religions in the specified empires.
- At least one piece of evidence must be from each empire.

For 1 point:

- Must provide at least three pieces of relevant and accurate evidence related to religions in the specified empires.

4. Makes at least one direct, relevant comparison in the way two empires used religion to govern.

1 Point

- Makes at least ONE explicit and factually correct statement of similarity or difference in the use of religion to govern in the specified empires.

5. Analyzes at least one reason for a similarity or a difference identified in a direct comparison.

1 Point

- The analysis must explain the reason for a similarity or difference as it applies to both empires.

Subtotal

7 Points