

Question 3 or 4

Directions: Answer **either** Question 3 **or** Question 4.

3. Respond to **parts a, b, and c.**
 - a. Describe one major Protestant belief in the period 1517 to 1650.
 - b. Explain one way in which the Protestant Reformation affected European politics in the period 1517 to 1650.
 - c. Explain one way in which the Enlightenment further changed religious practices in Europe in the period 1650 to 1815.
4. Respond to **parts a, b, and c.**
 - a. Describe one major characteristic of the First World War.
 - b. Explain one major cause of the First World War.
 - c. Explain one way in which the First World War contributed to changes in European politics in the interwar period (1919 to 1939).

Question 3: Short Answer No Stimulus**3 points****General Scoring Notes**

- Each point is earned independently.
- **Accuracy:** These scoring guidelines require that students demonstrate historically defensible content knowledge. Given the timed nature of the exam, responses may contain errors that do not detract from their overall quality, as long as the historical content used to advance the argument is accurate.
- **Clarity:** Exam responses should be considered first drafts and thus may contain grammatical errors. Those errors will not be counted against a student unless they obscure the successful demonstration of the content knowledge, skills, and practices described below.
- **Describe:** Provide the relevant characteristics of a specified topic. Description requires more than simply mentioning an isolated term.
- **Explain:** Provide information about how or why a historical development or process occurs or how or why a relationship exists.

[a] Describe one major Protestant belief in the period 1517 to 1650. **1 point**

Examples that earn this point include the following:

- Protestants generally believed the Catholic Church was corrupt.
- Some Protestants saw wealth and prosperity as signs of God’s favor.
- Protestants believed the pope could not claim spiritual authority.
- Protestants believed that the Bible was the sole source of true Christian doctrine.
- Protestants believed that faith alone was necessary for salvation and denied the need to do “good works.”
- Protestants believed in the “priesthood of all believers” and gave less authority to clergy.
- Protestants questioned some Catholic sacraments or practices and re-interpreted others.
- Some Protestants believed in the predestination of individuals to salvation or damnation, others believed in adult baptism
- Protestants generally resisted the centralizing power of the Catholic Church.

[b] Explain one way in which the Protestant Reformation affected European politics in the period 1517 to 1650. **1 point**

Examples that earn this point include the following:

- The Protestant and Catholic Reformations caused divisions in the religious and political order of Europe, eventually ending the ideal of universal Christendom.
- Conflicts between Protestants and Catholics led to religious wars in Europe.
- In some areas, monarchs gained the right to determine the official religion of their domain [*cuius regio est religio*].
- Conflicts between Protestants and Catholics led to internal conflicts in England, France, and the Holy Roman Empire.

- Conflicts sometimes led to official toleration of minority religions [e.g., the Edict of Nantes in France]
- Various reform groups, such as Anabaptists, challenged the monarch’s control of religious institutions.
- Issues of religious reform worsened the conflicts between the monarchy and the nobility in some states.
- Calvinists in Geneva attempted to unify religious and secular authority and create a theocratic state.

[c] Explain one way in which the Enlightenment further changed religious practices in Europe in the period 1650 to 1815. **1 point**

Examples that earn this point include the following:

- The rational approach to religious practices led to societal demand, often fulfilled by enlightened despots, for religious toleration.
- Enlightenment concepts, such as human reason and rationalism, challenged the established ideas on the role of faith.
- Enlightenment thinkers, such as John Locke and Voltaire, advocated for the principles of equality and individual rights, which contributed to religious toleration.
- Enlightenment (distrust of religious “fanaticism”) concepts, such as secularism and empiricism, encouraged people to regard religion more as a private matter than a public practice.
- Following Enlightenment principles, liberal revolutionaries in France sought to bring religion under state control and to end the privileged position of the Catholic Church.
- Radical revolutionaries in France sought to replace Christianity with a religion [the Cult of the Supreme Being] that they claimed was based on Enlightenment principles.
- Deism stressed natural law and rejected divine revelation, resulting in a change in religious practices.

Total for question 3 3 points