

**Question 3 or 4**

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

3. Respond to **parts a, b, and c.**

- a. Identify ONE development in the period circa 1200–1300 that facilitated the establishment of the Mongol Empire.
- b. Identify ONE development in the period circa 1200–1300 that enabled the Mongol Empire to facilitate Afro-Eurasian trade and/or communications.
- c. Explain ONE reason why the Mongol khanates often facilitated the spread of cultural or religious practices.

4. Respond to **parts a, b, and c.**

- a. Identify ONE **political** factor in the period after 1945 that facilitated the establishment of independent postcolonial states in Africa.
- b. Identify ONE **economic** factor in the period after 1945 that facilitated the establishment of independent postcolonial states in Africa.
- c. Explain ONE reason why postcolonial states in Africa often adopted communist or socialist ideologies.

**WORLD HISTORY: MODERN**

**SECTION II**

**Total Time—1 hour and 40 minutes**

**Question 1 (Document-Based Question)**

**Suggested reading and writing time: 1 hour**

**It is suggested that you spend 15 minutes reading the documents and 45 minutes writing your response.**

**Note: You may begin writing your response before the reading period is over.**

**Directions:** Question 1 is based on the accompanying documents. The documents have been edited for the purpose of this exercise.

In your response you should do the following.

- Respond to the prompt with a historically defensible thesis or claim that establishes a line of reasoning.
- Describe a broader historical context relevant to the prompt.
- Support an argument in response to the prompt using at least four documents.
- Use at least one additional piece of specific historical evidence (beyond that found in the documents) relevant to an argument about the prompt.
- For at least two documents, explain how or why the document's point of view, purpose, historical situation, and/or audience is relevant to an argument.
- Demonstrate a complex understanding of a historical development related to the prompt through sophisticated argumentation and/or effective use of evidence.

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**Begin your response to this question at the top of a new page in the separate Free Response booklet and fill in the appropriate circle at the top of each page to indicate the question number.**

**Question 4: 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.

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- [a]** Identify ONE **political** factor in the period after 1945 that facilitated the establishment of independent postcolonial states in Africa. **1 point**

**Examples that earn this point include the following:**

- The weakening of many European imperial states in the aftermath of the World Wars led to the establishment of post-colonial states in Africa.
- The expansion of nationalist ideas and/or anti-imperialism sentiments during the twentieth century contributed to the establishment of newly independent states in Africa.
- African veterans of the First and Second World Wars often used their experience and contributions to the war effort to seek independence.
- The United Nations' emphasis on self-determination encouraged worldwide support for decolonization and independence in Africa.

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- [b]** Identify ONE **economic** factor in the period after 1945 that facilitated the establishment of independent postcolonial states in Africa. **1 point**

**Examples that earn this point include the following:**

- Many European states struggled economically after World War II, which weakened their ability to maintain colonial empires.
  - Cold War competition between communists and capitalists helped some African independence movements establish new nations.
  - The desire to keep their natural resources and develop their own economies helped motivate African independence movements to establish new nations.
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| <b>[c]</b> | Explain ONE reason why postcolonial states in Africa often adopted communist or socialist ideologies. | <b>1 point</b> |
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**Examples that earn this point include the following:**

- The governments of many newly independent nations in Africa took a strong role in the economy to promote economic development in their countries.
- Most European imperialist powers had capitalist economies, which had exploited African societies and economies. This led many Africans to oppose capitalism and support socialism.
- At the end of the Second World War, the Soviet Union [and communism in general] was seen as being on the ascendance around the world, which attracted African independent leaders looking for a strong ally.
- During the Cold War the Soviet Union and its allies actively sought to spread their ideas and socialist economic system internationally, which led them to support some newly independent nations in Africa.

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**Total for question 4    3 points**