

2011 AP[®] EUROPEAN HISTORY FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

EUROPEAN HISTORY SECTION II

Part B

(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.

2. Analyze the factors that contributed to the increasing centralization of Spain and the factors that contributed to the continuing fragmentation of Italy in the period 1450–1550.
3. Compare and contrast Enlightenment and Romantic views of nature, with reference to specific individuals and their works.
4. Analyze how the political and economic problems of the English and French monarchies led to the English Civil War and the French Revolution.

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Question 2

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9–8 points

- Thesis is explicit and fully responsive to the question.
- Organization is clear, consistently followed, and effective in support of the argument.
- Essay is well balanced; covers at some length all major topics suggested by the prompt (at least two factors each for Spain and Italy).
- All major assertions are supported by multiple pieces of relevant evidence and linked to the question.
- Essay may contain errors that do not detract from argument.

7–6 points

- Thesis is explicit and responsive to the question.
- Organization is clear, is effective in support of the argument, but may not be consistently followed.
- Essay is balanced; covers at least briefly all major topics suggested by the prompt (two factors each for Spain and Italy).
- All major assertions are supported by at least one piece of relevant evidence and linked to the question.
- Essay may contain an error that detracts from argument.

5–4 points

- Thesis is explicit but not fully responsive to the question.
- Organization is clear, is effective in support of the argument, but may not consistently be followed.
- Essay shows some imbalance; neglects some major topics suggested by the prompt.
- Essay may have two factors for either Spain or Italy and one for the region.
- Most of the major assertions are supported by least one piece of relevant evidence and linked to the question.
- Essay may contain a few errors that detract from argument.

3–2 points

- There is no explicit thesis or the thesis merely repeats or paraphrases the prompt.
- Organization is unclear and ineffective.
- Essay shows serious imbalance; neglects most major topics suggested by the prompt.
- Only one or two major assertions are supported by relevant evidence.
- Essay may contain several errors that detract from argument.

1–0 points

- There is no discernible attempt at a thesis.
- There is no discernible organization.
- Essay mentions one or none of the major topics suggested by the prompt.
- Little or no supporting evidence is used.
- Essay may contain numerous errors that detract from argument.