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## EUROPEAN HISTORY

### SECTION II

#### Part A

(Suggested writing time—45 minutes)

Percent of Section II score—45

**Directions:** The following question is based on the accompanying Documents 1-11. The documents have been edited for the purpose of this exercise. Write your answer on the lined pages of the Section II free-response booklet.

This question is designed to test your ability to work with and understand historical documents. Write an essay that:

- Provides an appropriate, explicitly stated thesis that directly addresses all parts of the question and does NOT simply restate the question.
- Discusses a majority of the documents individually and specifically.
- Demonstrates understanding of the basic meaning of a majority of the documents.
- Supports the thesis with appropriate interpretations of a majority of the documents.
- Analyzes point of view or bias in at least three documents.
- Analyzes the documents by explicitly grouping them in at least three appropriate ways.

You may refer to relevant historical information not mentioned in the documents.

1. Analyze changing conceptions of French national identity and culture in the period since 1960.

Historical background: In the wake of the Second World War, France became increasingly integrated into the global economy. Beginning in the 1960s, France also experienced growing rates of immigration, mostly from former French colonies.

#### Document 1

Source: Maurice Duverger, political analyst, newspaper interview, 1964.

It must be said, it must be written. There is only one immediate danger for Europe, and that is American civilization. There will be no Stalinism or communism in France. They are scarecrows that frighten only sparrows now. . . . Today, all that belongs to the past. On the other hand, the pressure of American society, the domination of the American economy, the invasion of the American mentality—all that is very dangerous. . . . [But the French] cultural ensemble that is at the core of [our] attitudes is shaped by a completely different historical legacy. I think this element will help us resist pressure from America.

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**Document 2**

Source: Poster from the French Democratic Confederation of Labor, the largest trade union organization in France, 1970.



Translation: “French Workers and Immigrant Workers—All Together in Solidarity”

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### Document 3

Source: Jack Lang, French Minister of Culture, speech to United Nations conference in Mexico City, 1982.

Culture and economy—one and the same battle. I ask myself: why should we accept this homogenization? Is this really mankind's destiny? The same films, the same music, the same clothes? . . . We wish to proclaim a real cultural revolt, to embark on a crusade against—let us call it by its name—against the financial and intellectual imperialism [of globalization].

### Document 4

Source: Maurice Arreckx, mayor of the Mediterranean port city of Toulon, newspaper article, 1983.

As an elected politician it is my duty to say out loud what everyone is thinking to themselves but does not dare to say. France has, and must preserve, a great tradition of welcome, but she does not have the obligation to be the refuge of the unemployed of Europe and Africa. Our country has become a dustbin where revolutionaries, delinquents and anarchists of every sort have collected. We must get rid of them.

Document 5

Source: Image of Marianne, symbol of France, and a veiled woman, on the cover of *Le Figaro Magazine*, 1991.



Translation: “Immigration or Invasion? Valéry Giscard d’Estaing analyzes the results of our opinion poll.”

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### Document 6

Source: Jacques Toubon, French Minister of Culture, interview with the *Los Angeles Times*, 1994.

There are two objectives [of the new Toubon Law]. The first is an intrinsic one: to develop a way of guaranteeing that everything said and written in France can be understood by the entire French population. The Toubon Law will ensure that instruction manuals and explanatory leaflets for all products, whether domestic or imports, be translated into French. Contracts will be written in French so workers are able to understand them. And at scientific conferences, the French-speaking attendees will have to speak in French.

Our second objective is broader—to develop French translations for words used in industries such as electronics and computers.

Language is an irreplaceable capital for all peoples. If it is not preserved and modernized, it will no longer allow the people to express themselves, to understand each other, or to communicate with the universe.

### Document 7

Source: Jean d’Ormesson, a philosopher and member of the *Académie française*,\* interview following the passage of the Toubon Law, 1994.

What will happen? You think we’ll stop saying *le parking* or *le weekend* ? I don’t think so. I am for the preservation of culture, but not by decree. A language is alive. It develops completely autonomously. You can’t legislate it. . . . French was born [in the Middle Ages] because Latin was in decline. The idea that we can stop the development of the language now is a foolish one. The only way to help the French language is to make good films, good theater, good songs, and if possible, good books.

\*the institution responsible for producing the official dictionary of the French language

### Document 8

Source: Young teacher, interviewed as part of an anthropological study of the education of immigrant children in French schools, late 1990s.

I believe with all my heart that a common culture is transmitted by the schools and by national education, and that is a good thing. . . . It is good because I am profoundly secular through my education, through the way I function as a citizen, and as a human being in our society. What I am saying is debatable, but I think that our society has arrived at a point where it seems that, in order for our standards for a common culture to harmonize, they must go through a de-Christianization, a de-Islamization. . . . This de-culturation can lead to [the creation of] that common cement that binds us.

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### Document 9

Source: José Bové, French farmer and food activist, *The World Is Not For Sale*, 2001.

Nowadays, food is rarely eaten in anything like the state in which it leaves the farm. It is reconstructed—often several times over—to produce easily prepared, ready-made meals that can be consumed with little work in the home. The food industry regards the farmer as merely the supplier of raw commodities to meet the needs of the manufacturers, rather than those of the consumer. The art of French cooking and eating will soon not be passed on to new generations; this has resulted in a loss of family cohesion and of the ties that bind us to the land or place where we live.

### Document 10

Source: Tunisian immigrant mother, radio interview, 2002.

I hate the term “*beur*.”\* I refuse to use it for my kids; I refuse “*beur*” because they speak the [French] language, because “*beur*” is not a language, it’s not a culture. Either they are French, or they are Tunisian, but they are not beurs. . . . Because the kids were born here, they are French.

\*a term used to designate second- and third-generation immigrants from North Africa

### Document 11

Source: Zinedine Zidane, French national football team captain and World Cup winner, newspaper interview, 2004.

It’s hard to explain but I have a need to play intensely every day, to fight every match hard. And this desire never to stop fighting is something else I learned in the place where I grew up. And, for me, the most important thing is that I still know who I am. Every day I think about where I come from and I am still proud to be who I am: first, a Kabyle\* from La Castellane,\*\* then an Algerian from Marseille, and then a Frenchman.

\*ethnic group from North Africa

\*\*an ethnic neighborhood on the outskirts of Marseille, a city in southern France

**END OF PART A**

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**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 ways in which Napoleon Bonaparte both supported and undermined the main goals of the French Revolution during his rule of France (1799–1815).
  3. Analyze the ways in which the development of the Soviet Union in the 1920s and 1930s both reflected and departed from the ideas of Marxism.
  4. Analyze the ways in which the formation of overseas colonial empires both benefited and harmed the interests of European states in the period 1850 to 1914.

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### Question 1 —Document-Based Question (DBQ)

Analyze changing conceptions of French national identity and culture in the period since 1960.

Historical background: In the wake of the Second World War, France became increasingly integrated into the global economy. Beginning in the 1960s, France also experienced growing rates of immigration, mostly from former French colonies.

#### **BASIC CORE: 1 point each to a total of 6 points**

**1. Provides an appropriate, explicitly stated thesis that directly addresses all parts of the question. Thesis must not simply restate the question.**

The thesis must make at least minimal reference to changing conceptions in identity and/or culture.

The thesis must suggest a *minimal level of analysis* drawn from the documents. The thesis may appear in *either* the introduction OR the conclusion.

**2. Discusses a majority of the documents individually and specifically.**

The student must discuss **at least six documents**—even if used incorrectly—by reference to anything in the box. Documents can be cited by number or by name, or they can be referenced in other ways that make it clear which document is being discussed. Documents cannot be referenced together in order to get credit for this point (e.g., “Documents 1, 4, and 6 suggest ...”) unless they are also discussed individually.

**3. Demonstrates understanding of the basic meaning of a majority of the documents (may misinterpret no more than one).**

A student may not significantly misinterpret more than one document. A major misinterpretation is an incorrect analysis or one that leads to an inaccurate grouping or a false conclusion.

An essay cannot earn this point if no credit was awarded for point 2 (discusses a majority of the documents).

A document that is erroneously grouped with other documents is considered a misinterpretation.

**4. Supports the thesis with appropriate interpretations of a majority of the documents.**

The student must use *at least six documents* correctly, and the documents used in the body of the essay *must provide support for the thesis*.

An essay cannot earn this point if no credit was awarded for point 1 (appropriate thesis).

An essay also cannot earn this point if no credit was awarded for point 2 (discusses a majority of the documents).

An essay can earn this point even if no credit was awarded for point 3, as long as appropriate interpretations of the *majority* of the documents support the thesis.



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### Question 1 —Document-Based Question (continued)

#### 5. Analyzes point of view or bias in at least three documents.

The student must make a reasonable effort to explain why a particular source expresses the stated view by:

- relating authorial point of view to author's place in society (motive, position, status, etc.); OR
- evaluating the reliability of the source; OR
- recognizing that different kinds of documents serve different purposes; OR
- analyzing the tone of the documents; must be clear and relevant.

Note: 1. Attribution alone is not sufficient to earn credit for point of view (POV).

2. It is possible for essays to discuss point of view collectively (include two or three documents in making a single POV analysis), but this counts for only one point of view.

#### 6. Analyzes documents by explicitly organizing them in at least three appropriate groups.

A group must contain **at least two documents** that are used correctly and individually.

Groupings and corresponding documents *may* include the following (not exclusive):

**Desire for a distinct French culture/identity:** 1, 3, 6, 8, 9

Challenges of modernization for France: 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9

**Antiglobalization:** 1, 3, 6

**Anti-American:** 1, 3 (implied)

**The role of language in culture:** 6, 7

**Tolerance for diversity:** 2, 7, 10, 11

**Anti-Immigration:** 4, 5, (8), (10)

**Immigrant perspective:** 2, 10, 11

**By author:**

Politicians/Ministers of Culture: 3, 4, 6

Intellectuals: 1, 7, 8, 9

**By document type** (if analyzed productively for message, purpose, and audience):

Newspaper pieces: 1, 4, 6, 11

Pieces of propaganda: 2, 5

Interviews: 1, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11

**By themes within decades/chronology** (if analyzed productively):

1960s–1980s: 1, 2, 3, 4

1990s: 5, 6, 7, 8,

2000s: 9, 10, 11

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## Question 1 —Document-Based Question (continued)

### EXPANDED CORE: 0–3 points to a total of 9 points

Expands beyond the basic core of 1–6. The basic score of 6 must be achieved before a student can earn expanded core points. Credit awarded in the expanded core should be based on holistic assessment of the essay. Factors to consider in holistic assessment may include:

- Has a clear, analytical, and comprehensive thesis
- Uses all or almost all of the documents (10-11 documents)
- Uses the documents persuasively as evidence
- Shows understanding of nuances of the documents
- Analyzes point of view or bias in at least four documents cited in the essay
- Analyzes the documents in additional ways (e.g., develops more groupings)
- Recognizes and develops change over time (body paragraphs that consistently address changing conceptions)
- Brings in relevant “outside” information

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### Question 1 —Document-Based Question (continued)

#### A Closer Look at the Thesis Statement

#### Examples of acceptable and unacceptable theses:

- **Stronger theses:**
  - “Though the aftermath of World War II brought with it a wave of new cultural ideas that worried some French politicians and natives during the Cold War era (between two places who were prone to imposing their own influence on other countries) and resulted in animosity toward the newly-arrived immigrants and their distinct cultural identities, the decades following demonstrated a growing toleration and acceptance of this cultural assimilation. Effectively, the formation of a new French national identity was constructed.”
  - “In late 20<sup>th</sup> century France, the country experienced a paradigm shift from the strong, traditional French national identity because of globalization and immigration in post–World War II years. The French feared the deterioration of French culture due to less emphasis on traditional food and language; however, this deterioration also united the country according to some. The French believed that the main threat to their national identity and unique culture was the United States and globalization. Immigration also caused an upheaval of traditional French culture, with some people who accepted the new diversity and others who rejected it. French national identity and culture has been greatly adjusted due to globalization, shifts in culture, and immigration.”
- **Adequate theses:**
  - “The national identity and culture of France changed significantly after 1960 with people and groups seeing French nationalism thrive despite a mass immigration in the country, a belief that French culture would maintain its identity regardless of the influence, while at the same time believing that the French culture was dying or lost.”
  - “Although it was necessary for the French to join the global economy, the reactions since 1960 have been mixed. Some conceptions include the necessity of France to stay French, the immigrants invade the country, but also, the immigrants grow the culture of France and strengthen it.”
  - “France went through phases of analyzing their own loss of culture, extreme rejection of immigrants to retain their culture, and powerful movements to retain their culture.”

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### Question 1 —Document-Based Question (continued)

- **Inadequate theses:**

- “Although decolonization is mostly seen from the colonies’ point of view, this retreatment back to France introduced many different conceptions of its own national identity and culture.”  
(Change is not addressed, nor are multiple conceptions of culture and identity articulated.)
- “French national identity and culture changed post 1960 to become more nationalistic in economic, political, and social ways.”  
(“More nationalistic” is a single conception; the “ways” do not count toward addressing the prompt.)
- “After WWII and decolonization, France became a ground zero for a mixture of races and cultures to thrive. However, some French, such as Jacques Toubon, believe outside influence is undermining French culture.”  
(France as “ground zero” is not a change beyond the historical background provided; that leaves only one “changing conception”: the undermining of French culture.)

### A Closer Look at Misinterpretations

**Examples of major misinterpretations or incorrect usage coming from the documents:**

- “This is a poster from the French Democratic Confederation of Labor which is the largest trade union organization in France. Therefore they may see this as an opportunity to increase trading and have the perspective of a company, not as citizens.” (Shows misunderstanding of trade union’s identify and purpose; not a corporation.)
- “Even so, French citizens are openly showing their disapproval towards immigration by putting up posters. (Doc. 5)” (Shows misunderstanding of the poster’s intent.)

**Examples of minor errors:**

- Mistaking a male for a female source.  
“Maurice Arreckx is of a high political position and she feels obliged to publically [sic] announce to the French community what they have all been thinking about the immigrants.”

### A Closer Look at Point of View

There are many means by which a student can demonstrate point-of-view analysis.  
(The following examples are not meant to be exhaustive.)

**Examples of ACCEPTABLE point-of-view analysis:**

Relating authorial point of view to an author’s place in society

- “With him [Arreckx] living on [sic] a port city on the Mediterranean, the city most likely has a significant amount of North African immigrants, showing he has dealt with the problem first hand.”
- “As an important leader in French culture, Lang probably feels particularly obligated to protect the culture in order to defend his position as Minister of Culture.”

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### Question 1 —Document-Based Question (continued)

- “The mother shows bias in her statement because, as one can assume her kids have been called a beur, she clearly wants to remove her children from an environment where they would be harassed or taunted due to their ethnicity. She is a firsthand witness to the racial issues in France and believes that French people must unite and learn to accept each other’s differences in order to advance as an entire society.”

#### Evaluating the reliability of the source

- “He says that, ‘there is only one immediate danger for Europe, and that is American civilization.’ This can be seen from the observation of the major pressure America put on the world as a major superpower emerging from World War Two.” (Historical context provides a degree of reliability.)
- “Duverger’s interview took place in 1964, when the Cold War was in full effect and the USA and USSR were pushing their beliefs onto other countries. In such a stressful environment, the French identity needed to be strong to preserve itself, which Duverger believes is true.” (Historical context evaluates the reliability of Duverger’s perspective.)

#### Recognizing that different kinds of documents serve different purposes

- “However, this poster may be biased because the trade union wants to increase membership, and showing unity will boost membership.” (Poster serves as propaganda.)
- “*Le Figaro* obviously wants to put subjects out that will catch the eye of potential readers. With only being given the cover, there is no way to know what the people actually believed.” (Magazine headlines are incomplete in communicating article contents.)

#### Analyzing the tone of the documents

- “The headline of the cover was ‘immigration or invasion’ describing a poll collected from the public on the issue (5). The tone and wording of the issue just yells tension, for the ethnic problems in France were becoming an ethnic issue.”
- “This sweeping generalization of immigrants as worthless ‘deadbeats’ speaks to the reactionary right’s fear of growing closeness to the EU and that the associated obligation of inclusion and unity undermines its history.”

#### **Examples of UNACCEPTABLE point-of-view analysis:**

- “Jacques Toubon is biased because he is a Minister of Culture.”
  - Why is this unacceptable? This is merely attribution with no attempt at further analysis beyond the stated information from the document itself; the statement does not explain why a Minister of Culture might be biased in favor of French-only documents. (Authorial POV and reliability)
- “Maurice Arreckx might be stretching the truth in Document 4 because he knows his statements will be in a newspaper article.”
  - Why is this unacceptable? The statement does not explicitly analyze how an account written in a newspaper article might influence the veracity of the author’s account. (Documents serving different purposes)

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### Question 1 —Document-Based Question (continued)

- “Also, a Tunisian immigrant mother said in a radio interview that she hates the term ‘beur’ for her kids as they were born in France so they are French, although she may have bias because she is an immigrant from North Africa herself.”
  - Why is this unacceptable? The statement does not explicitly analyze how the source’s national origin may affect her account. (Authorial POV and reliability)
- “Because Jacques Toubon is the French Minister of Culture, he is trying to show the *Los Angeles Times* about the real French experience, so he may be making the French people sound more solid and whole than they really are.”
  - Why is this unacceptable? The statement is clumsy and does not adequately analyze how Toubon’s place in society may affect his account. (Authorial POV and reliability)
- “Being a football captain, Zinedine Zidane may be trying to gain respect from a larger audience by announcing both his heritage and citizenship which might make more people watch his sport.”
  - Why is this unacceptable? The statement is clumsy and contrived, and it does not adequately analyze how Zidane’s place in society may affect his account. (Authorial POV and reliability)