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# **AP<sup>®</sup> World History**

## **2016 Free-Response Questions**

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## WORLD HISTORY SECTION II

**Note:** This exam uses the chronological designations B.C.E. (before the common era) and C.E. (common era). These labels correspond to B.C. (before Christ) and A.D. (anno Domini), which are used in some world history textbooks.

**Total Time—2 hours, 10 minutes**  
**Part A (Document-Based Question)**  
**Suggested reading and writing time: 50 minutes**  
**Percent of Section II score— 33 1/3**

It is suggested that you spend 10 minutes reading the documents and 40 minutes writing your response.

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

**Directions:** The following question is based on the accompanying Documents 1-10. (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This question is designed to test your ability to work with and understand historical documents.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:

- Has a relevant thesis and supports that thesis with evidence from the documents.
- Uses all of the documents.
- Analyzes the documents by grouping them in as many appropriate ways as possible. Does not simply summarize the documents individually.
- Takes into account the sources of the documents and analyzes the authors' points of view.
- Identifies and explains the need for at least one additional type of document.

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

1. Using the following documents, analyze the relationships between gender and politics in twentieth-century Latin America. Identify one additional type of document and explain how it would help your analysis.

### Document 1

Source: Justo Sierra, male Mexican minister of public education, letter to the editors of *La Mujer Mexicana* (*The Mexican Woman*), Mexico, 1904.

The educated woman will be truly dedicated to the home; she will be a companion and collaborator of man in the formation of the family. That is what we want. I do not want to see you pursue your feminism to the extreme of wishing to convert yourselves into men; that is not what we desire; for then all of life's enchantment would be lost. No; let men fight over political questions, let them form laws; you ought to fight the good fight, that of feeling, and form souls, which is better than forming laws.

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### Document 2

Source: Hermila Galindo, Mexican feminist and political speaker, supporter of Mexican revolutionaries, speech at the Second Feminist Congress of Yucatan, Mexico, 1916.

A woman needs suffrage and asks for it from a moral standpoint, because of what she can do with the vote. She needs it so that she can combat alcoholism, prostitution, juvenile delinquency, pornography, and everything that works against child morality. She needs it so that she can guard her own health as well as that of the public, to work for better worker housing, better schools, better markets, etc.

### Document 3

Source: Photograph of *soldaderas* (Mexican female soldiers) during the Mexican Revolution, circa 1917.



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### Document 4

Source: Ricardo Dolz, Cuban senator, speech to the Cuban Senate on a bill to give married women economic rights, Havana, Cuba, 1917..

Women should have their rights because the movement is recognized worldwide, it is just and moderate, and the women are not asking to dominate men. Resisting the woman's movement will encourage women activists to become socialists and fulfill everyone's greatest fear.

### Document 5

Source: María Luisa Marín, anarchist and union organizer, speech in support of jailed communist politician Herón Proal in the rent-strike movement in Veracruz, Mexico, December 1924.

We will do what we can so that our children will not denounce us as traitors and cowards. We will prove that with Proal or without him, the Veracruz renters will defend their rights. In view of the danger that now threatens us, we issue an urgent call to the people. Don't wait for the powerful to help you. They will never appreciate the dignity and value of our solidarity which some day will triumph. The supreme hour of the people has arrived. People of Veracruz, wake up and join the struggle.

### Document 6

Source: Colonel Crescencio Treviño Adame, veteran of the Mexican Revolution, private letter to Mexican President Lázaro Cárdenas, 1938.

Undoubtedly, granting Mexican women powers to govern would be a disaster because woman can be more criminal than man. Woman is in this world for the man's home, not for politics or to mix with the affairs of men. This thing that they are talking about, this women's vote, would be madness.

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### Document 7

Source: Sandinista National Liberation Front of Nicaragua,\* party platform, 1969.

The Sandinista Popular Revolution will abolish the discrimination that women have suffered with respect to men: it will establish economic, political, and cultural equality between women and men. It will elevate the political, cultural, and vocational level of women via their participation in the revolutionary process.

\* socialist revolutionary organization

### Document 8

Source: Argentinian women from the Argentinian group Madres de Plaza de Mayo (Mothers of the May Plaza), protesting outside of the presidential palace, seeking information on the political disappearance and murder of their children or other family members, 1981.



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### Document 9

Source: Orbelina Soza Meirena, female community activist, interview with Latin American historian Barbara Seitz on women's roles in the Nicaraguan revolution in 1989, published in 1994.

When the Sandinista Front began, women also within the lines fought in the role of men; that is when the women realized that we can work the same as a man, that we can develop equally as a man. The women were heroines. They showed us, they really gave us the idea that the woman in the world, in life, in work, can be equal to a man.

### Document 10

Source: Chilean woman speaking at the First National Meeting of the Female Temporary Agricultural Workers, Santiago, Chile, June 1993.

“*Compañeras* [Sisters], it is all fine to talk about solidarity with men, but how many of you have husbands who wash dishes or take care of children? How many of you have husbands who let you go to meetings or like the fact that you work? And—I know none of us wants to talk about this—but how many of you have husbands who are abusive, who beat you for whatever whim?”

**END OF PART A**

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**Part B**

**(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.
  - Uses world historical context to show continuities and changes over time.
  - Analyzes the process of continuity and change over time.
2. Analyze economic continuities and changes in trade networks within Afro-Eurasia in the period from 600 C.E. to 1450 C.E.

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**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 the causes of TWO of the following revolutions.

American Revolution (1775–1781)

French Revolution (1789–1799)

Haitian Revolution (1791–1803)

**STOP**

**END OF EXAM**