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Print your name and the name of your school on the lines above. A separate answer sheet has been provided to you. Follow the instructions from the proctor for completing the student information on your answer sheet. Then fill in the heading of each page of your essay booklet.

This examination has three parts. You are to answer **all** questions in all parts. Use black or dark-blue ink to write your answers to Parts II and III.

Part I contains 28 multiple-choice questions. Record your answers to these questions as directed on the answer sheet.

Part II contains two sets of constructed-response questions (CRQ). Each constructed-response question set is made up of two documents accompanied by several questions. When you reach this part of the test, enter your name and the name of your school on the first page of this section. Write your answers to these questions in the examination booklet on the lines following these questions.

Part III contains one essay question based on five documents. Write your answer to this question in the essay booklet.

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Base your answers to questions 5 and 6 on the documents below and on your knowledge of social studies.

Excerpt from the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen, 1789

Articles

1. Men are born and remain free and equal in rights. Social distinctions may be founded only upon the general good.
2. The aim of all political association is the preservation of natural and imprescriptible [inalienable] rights of man. These rights are liberty, property, security, and resistance to oppression.
3. The principle of all sovereignty resides essentially in the nation. No body nor individual may exercise any authority which does not proceed directly from the nation....

Source: The Avalon Project at Yale Law School

Excerpt from the Declaration of the Rights of Woman and Female Citizen, 1791

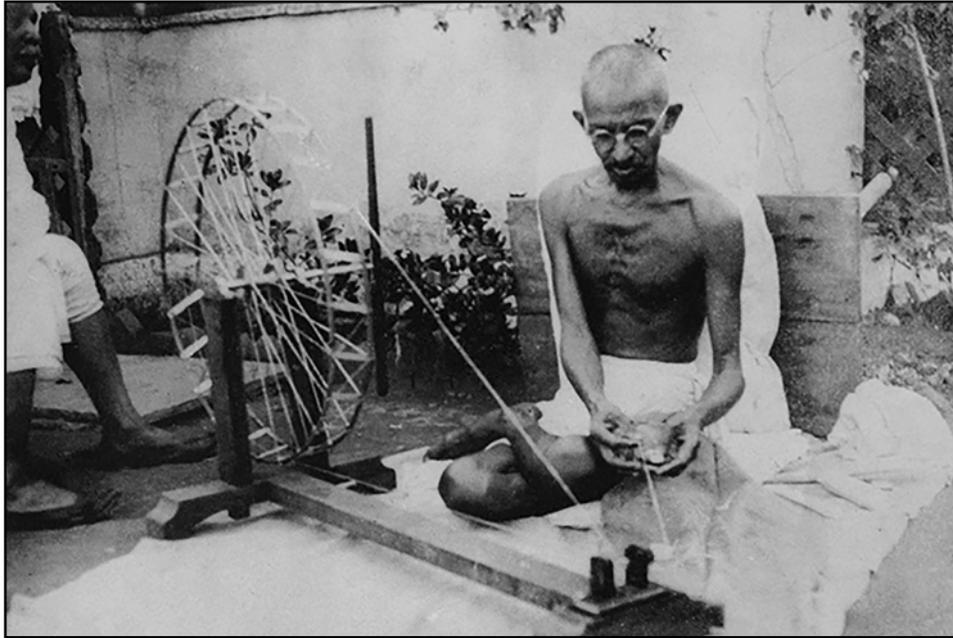
- I. Woman is born free and remains equal to man in rights. Social distinctions can only be founded on common service.
- II. The aim of all political associations is to preserve the natural and inalienable rights of Woman and Man: these are rights to liberty, ownership, safety, and, above all, resistance to oppression.
- III. The principle of sovereignty resides in essence in the Nation, which is only the coming together of Woman and Man: authority emanating elsewhere can be exercised by no body or individual....

Source: Olympe de Gouges

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| 5 Both documents argue in favor of a government that | 6 Whose ideas most influenced the creation of these documents? |
| (1) blocks the formation of political parties | (1) John Locke |
| (2) protects the rights of citizens | (2) Adam Smith |
| (3) is controlled by religious organizations | (3) Catherine the Great |
| (4) abolishes distinctions between social and economic classes | (4) Maximilien Robespierre |
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Base your answers to questions 11 and 12 on the photograph below and on your knowledge of social studies.

Mahatma Gandhi Spinning Yarn in the Late 1920s



Source: Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs, January 15, 1929

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| 11 This photograph is most often associated with the term | | 12 Gandhi's activity in this photograph is a reaction to |
| (1) appeasement | | (1) British imperialism of India |
| (2) containment | | (2) Russia's invasion of South Asia |
| (3) boycott | | (3) India's nonalignment during the Cold War |
| (4) segregation | | (4) South Asian famines |
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Base your answers to questions 13 and 14 on the passage below and on your knowledge of social studies.

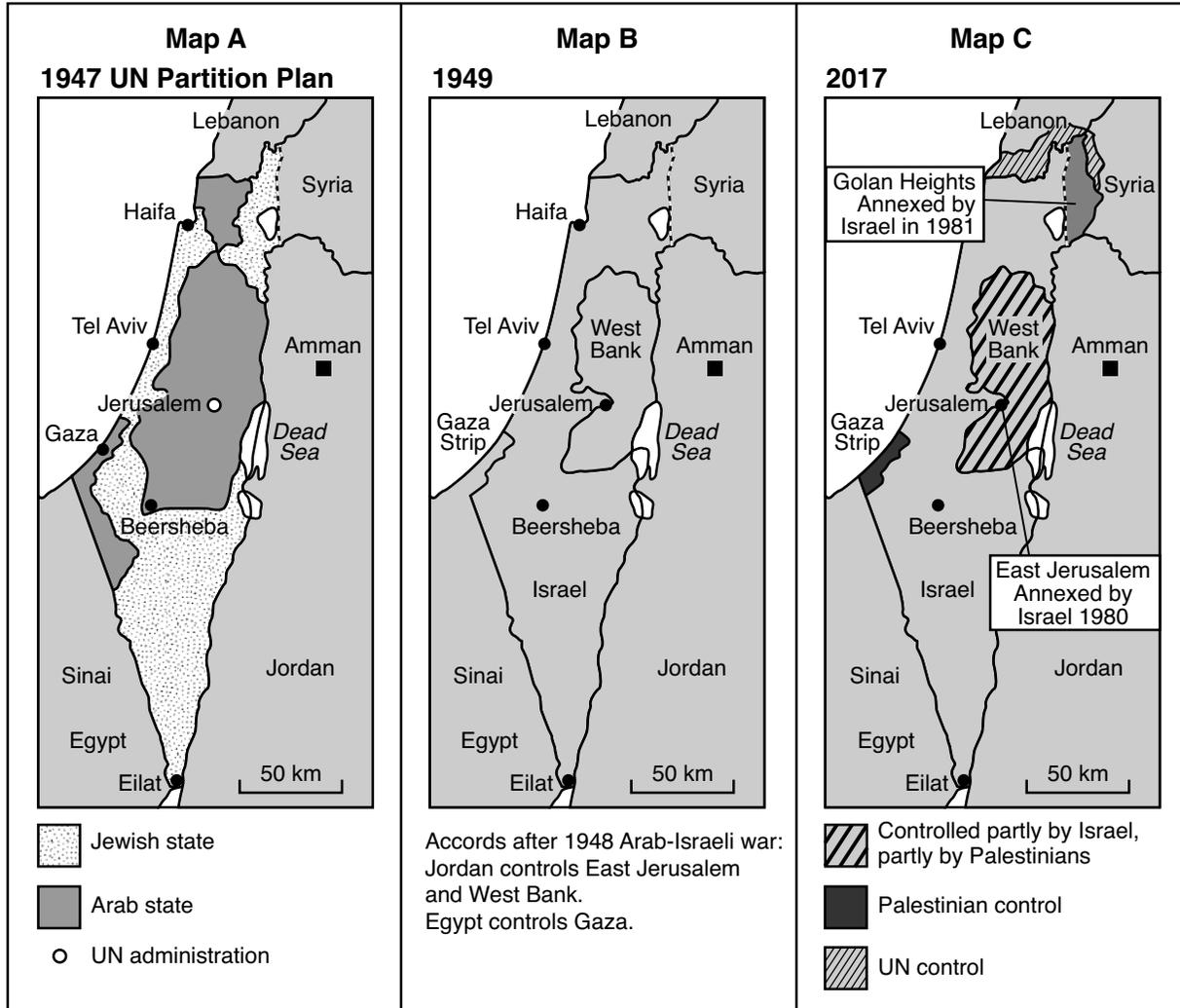
...Lives were indeed about to be sacrificed for the sake of the hat. As for the veiling of women, it was officially discouraged, but not banned. In any case, veiling had been largely a middle-class custom, and the middle classes discarded it. The generality of women wore long headscarves, which they drew across their faces in the presence of male strangers. The government of the republic banned headscarves in official premises, including schools, under civil service regulations. Elsewhere they were tolerated and they have remained a feature of the Turkish scene to this day, while the ban on women's headscarves in official premises is challenged every time that official pressure is relaxed....

Source: Andrew Mango, *Atatürk*, The Overlook Press

- 13 Which change resulted from Kemal Atatürk's actions described in this passage?
- (1) adoption of anti-Semitism
 - (2) rejection of modernization
 - (3) westernization of Turkey
 - (4) promotion of Islamic traditions
- 14 Which claim is best supported by the evidence in this passage?
- (1) Reforms were not universally accepted.
 - (2) Freedom of dress was allowed in schools.
 - (3) Respect was given to middle-class women.
 - (4) Clothing styles were considered unimportant.
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Base your answers to questions 15 and 16 on the maps below and on your knowledge of social studies.

Israel's Changing Borders



Source: *Daily Mail*, February 18, 2017 (adapted)

15 Which historical event most directly influenced the development of the 1947 plan shown on Map A?

- (1) Russian pogroms
- (2) the fall of the Austro-Hungarian Empire
- (3) Paris Peace Conference
- (4) the Holocaust

16 Which group benefitted the most from the changes shown on these maps?

- (1) Zionists and Jewish immigrants
- (2) the government of Jordan
- (3) Palestinian nationalists
- (4) the citizens of Lebanon

Base your answers to questions 17 and 18 on the speech excerpt below and on your knowledge of social studies.

...There is one sign the Soviets can make that would be unmistakable, that would advance dramatically the cause of freedom and peace. General Secretary Gorbachev, if you seek peace, if you seek prosperity for the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, if you seek liberalization: Come here to this gate! Mr. Gorbachev, open this gate! Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!...

Source: Ronald Reagan, "Remarks on East-West Relations at the Brandenburg Gate in West Berlin," June 12, 1987

- 17 Which topic could best be studied by analyzing this excerpt?
- (1) World War I (3) World War II
(2) Russian Revolution (4) Cold War
- 18 The wall referred to in this excerpt was used to
- (1) encourage the spread of capitalism
(2) limit the movement of people
(3) promote imperialism
(4) prevent military cooperation
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Base your answer to question 19 on the speech excerpt below and on your knowledge of social studies.

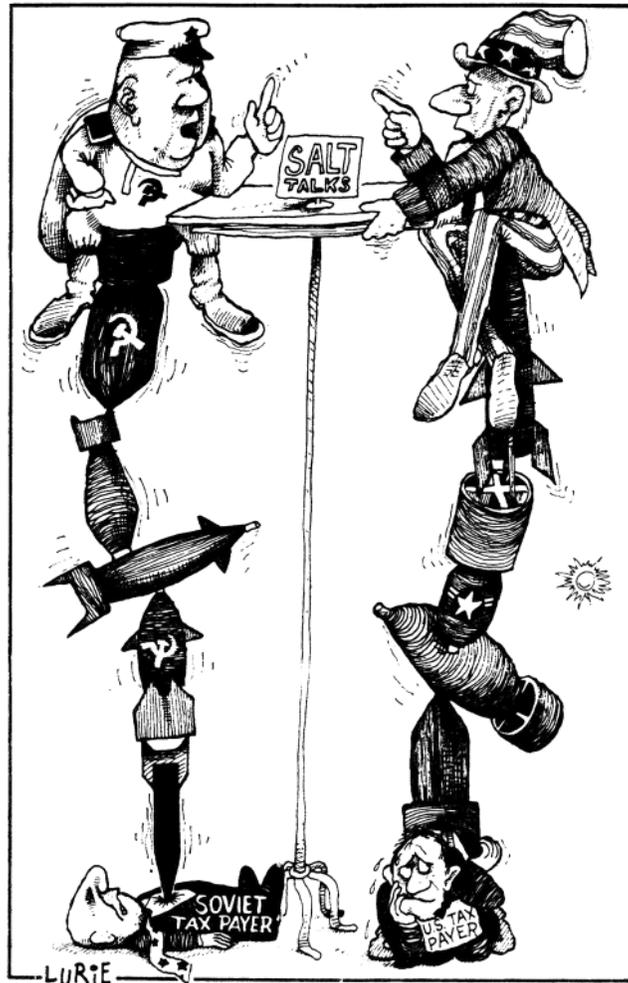
For centuries, Europeans dominated the African continent. The white man arrogated [claimed] to himself the right to rule and to be obeyed by the non-white; his mission, he claimed, was to "civilise" Africa. Under this cloak, the Europeans robbed the continent of vast riches and inflicted unimaginable suffering on the African people....

It is clear that we must find an African solution to our problems, and that this can only be found in African unity. Divided we are weak; united, Africa could become one of the greatest forces for good in the world....

Source: Kwame Nkrumah, *I Speak of Freedom*, 1961

- 19 Which circumstance most likely influenced this 1961 speech by Kwame Nkrumah?
- (1) rapid industrialization of Africa
(2) the establishment of Islamic republics in Africa
(3) Africans' growing support for European colonial expansion
(4) European political and economic control of the African continent
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Base your answers to questions 20 and 21 on the cartoon below and on your knowledge of social studies.



Ranan Lurie. 1970.

Source: *A Cartoon History of United States Foreign Policy, 1776-1976*

20 Which viewpoint is expressed in this 1970 political cartoon?

- (1) The Soviet Union had fewer nuclear weapons than the United States.
- (2) The United States paid more for their nuclear weapons.
- (3) Cost and instability resulted in arms control talks.
- (4) Both Soviet and American citizens desired production of more weapons.

21 Which action was a direct result of the event depicted in this cartoon?

- (1) The Soviet Union sold nuclear weapons to India and Pakistan.
- (2) The power of the United Nations security council increased.
- (3) Limits were placed on the number of missiles in the United States and the Soviet Union.
- (4) China obtained additional nuclear weapons under Mao Zedong.

Base your answers to questions 22 and 23 on the passage below and on your knowledge of social studies.

In this interview Deng Xiaoping discusses changes to the Chinese economy.

“There is no fundamental contradiction between socialism and a market economy. The problem is how to develop the productive forces more effectively. We used to have a planned economy, but our experience over the years has proved that having a totally planned economy hampers the development of the productive forces to a certain extent. If we combine a planned economy with a market economy, we shall be in a better position to liberate the productive forces and speed up economic growth.”...

Source: Selected Works of Deng Xiaoping, Vol. 3

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| 22 Which problem is best described in this passage? | 23 Which response is proposed in this passage? |
| (1) poverty of factory workers | (1) creating a mixed economy |
| (2) limitations of a market economy | (2) rejecting all communist policies |
| (3) slow pace of economic growth | (3) returning to a traditional economy |
| (4) domination of foreign investors | (4) favoring capitalism over socialism |
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Base your answers to questions 24 and 25 on the quotation below and on your knowledge of social studies.

...“Our march to freedom is irreversible. We must not allow fear to stand in our way. Universal suffrage on a common voters’ role in a united democratic and non-racial South Africa is the only way to peace and racial harmony.”...

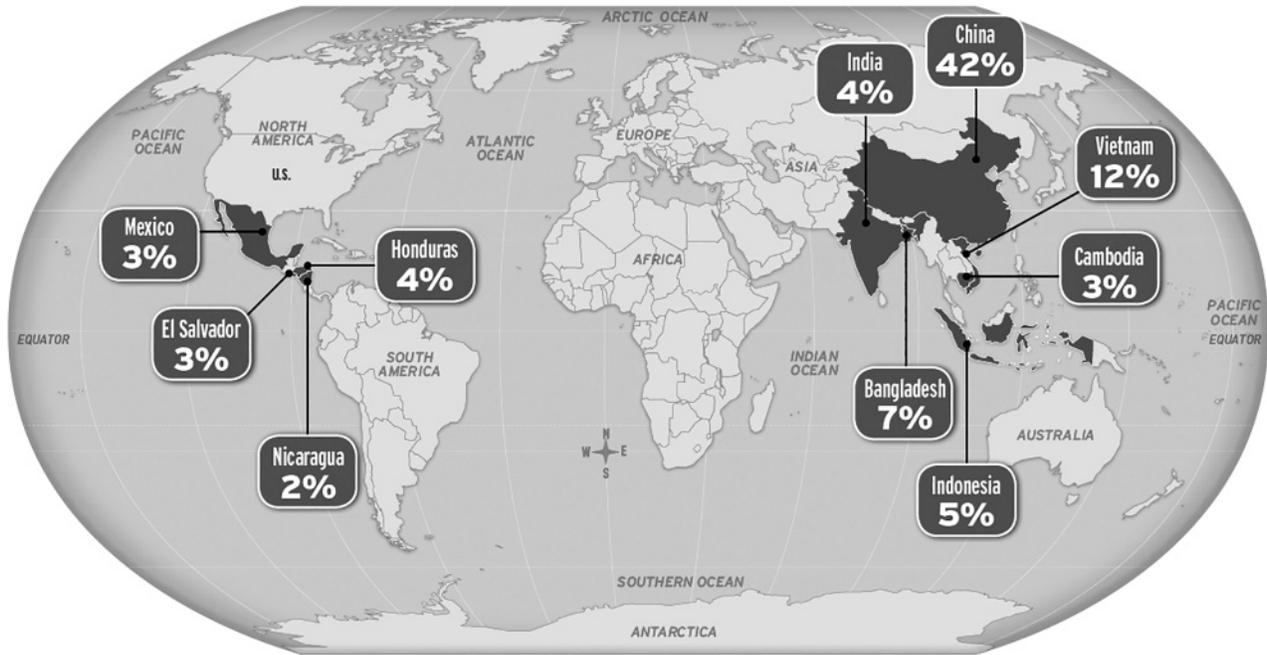
Source: Excerpt of Nelson Mandela’s speech upon his release from prison, February 11, 1990

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| 24 In this quotation, Nelson Mandela is referring to the end of which policy? | 25 Mandela’s support for universal suffrage in South Africa led to |
| (1) self-determination | (1) an end to white minority control |
| (2) forced migration | (2) mass emigration |
| (3) apartheid | (3) membership in the United Nations (UN) |
| (4) urbanization | (4) confiscation of private farms |
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Base your answers to questions 26 through 28 on the map below and on your knowledge of social studies.

Where Your Clothes Were Made

In 2016, the United States imported almost 27 billion articles of clothing. Here are the top 10 countries those clothes came from.



Source: *New York Times Upfront Magazine*

26 Which type of social scientist is most likely to use the information shown on this map?

- (1) economist
- (2) anthropologist
- (3) historian
- (4) sociologist

27 Which statement is best supported by the information shown on this map?

- (1) Many African nations manufacture large quantities of clothing for export.
- (2) Many Asian nations lack the technology necessary for industrialization.
- (3) United States clothing imports come primarily from Asia.
- (4) Central America imports the majority of its clothing from India.

28 Based on the information shown on this map, what can be inferred from the fact that 42% of imported clothing is made in China?

- (1) Chinese governmental policies support manufacturing for export.
- (2) The Chinese government enforces strict regulations protecting factory workers.
- (3) China has strong legal measures in place to protect the environment near factories.
- (4) The Chinese government encourages exportation to Central America.

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Write your answers to questions 29–34b in the spaces provided. Use a pen with black or dark-blue ink to answer these questions.

Part II

SHORT-ANSWER CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE QUESTIONS (CRQ)

These questions are based on the accompanying documents and are designed to test your ability to work with historical documents. Each Constructed Response Question (CRQ) Set is made up of 2 documents. Some of these documents have been edited for the purposes of this question. Keep in mind that the language and images used in a document may reflect the historical context of the time in which it was created.

In developing your answers to Part II, be sure to keep these explanations in mind:

Identify—means to put a name to or to name.

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Short-Answer CRQ Set 1 Structure

- Question 29 uses Document 1 (Context)
- Question 30 uses Document 2 (Source)
- Question 31 uses Documents 1 and 2 (Relationship between documents)

Short-Answer CRQ Set 2 Structure

- Question 32 uses Document 1 (Context)
 - Question 33 uses Document 2 (Source)
 - Questions 34a and 34b use Documents 1 and 2 (Relationship between documents)
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CRQ Set 1 Directions (29–31): Analyze the documents and answer the short-answer questions that follow each document in the space provided.

Base your answer to question 29 on Document 1 below and on your knowledge of social studies.

Document 1

Robert Ley held several positions in Germany. He was Reich Organization Leader, responsible for much of internal party education. He was also head of the German Labor Front, the Nazi “union.” This speech was given on November 3, 1936.

We have accomplished enormous things in the over three years that we have been in power. I do not believe this evening would be long enough to list all the great successes that we have had. Two facts stand out: The German today has become an entirely different person! Whether worker, craftsman, farmer, or member of the middle class, we are all entirely new people! There are a few holdovers from past times, there always have to be museum pieces, after all. They will gradually die out. The broad, large, and great mass of our people has changed thoroughly. They have been transformed....

Germany has been born anew. The Führer [Hitler] said at the last party rally, as he always says, that for him the greatest miracle of the age is how people have changed. Once there was hopelessness, today there is joy and affirmation, once there was general desperation, today there is resurrection and reawakening. Once each was the enemy of his neighbor. Envy, mistrust, and hatred were everywhere; today, everyone tries to do something good for the next person, even if sometimes with too much energy and enthusiasm. Each wants to be a good comrade, loyal, friendly....

Source: Robert Ley, “Fate — I believe!,” November 3, 1936

29 Explain the historical circumstances that led to the developments described in this excerpt from Robert Ley’s speech. [1]

Score

Base your answer to question 30 on Document 2 below and on your knowledge of social studies.

Document 2

The Nuremberg Trials were held from November 20, 1945 to October 1, 1946. Judges and prosecutors from the Allied Powers, Great Britain, France, the Soviet Union, and the United States presided over the hearings of 22 Nazi officials. The proceedings were observed by 325 newspaper, radio, and newsreel correspondents from 23 countries.

...The fact of the war and the course of the war, which is the central theme of our case, is history. From September 1st, 1939, when the German armies crossed the Polish frontier, until September 1942, when they met epic resistance at Stalingrad, German arms seemed invincible. Denmark and Norway, the Netherlands and France, Belgium and Luxembourg, the Balkans and Africa, Poland and the Baltic States, and parts of Russia, all had been overrun and conquered by swift, powerful, well-aimed blows. That attack on the peace of the world is the crime against international society which brings into international cognizance [understanding] crimes in its aid and preparation which otherwise might be only internal concerns. It was aggressive war, which the nations of the world had renounced. It was war in violation of treaties, by which the peace of the world was sought to be safe-guarded.

This war did not just happen—it was planned and prepared for over a long period of time and with no small skill and cunning. The world has perhaps never seen such a concentration and stimulation of the energies of any people as that which enabled Germany 20 years after it was defeated, disarmed, and dismembered to come so near carrying out its plan to dominate Europe....

Source: Robert H. Jackson, "Opening Statement before the International Military Tribunal"

30 Explain how audience affected what Robert Jackson included in his opening statement, based on this excerpt. [1]

Score

Base your answer to question 31 on **both** Documents 1 and 2 and on your knowledge of social studies.

Cause—refers to something that contributes to the occurrence of an event, the rise of an idea, or the bringing about of a development.

Effect—refers to what happens as a consequence (result, impact, outcome) of an event, an idea, or a development.

- 31 Identify **and** explain a cause-and-effect relationship between the events and/or ideas found in these documents. Be sure to use evidence from **both** Documents 1 and 2 in your response. [1]

Score

CRQ Set 2 Directions (32-34b): Analyze the documents and answer the short-answer questions that follow each document in the space provided.

Base your answer to question 32 on Document 1 below and on your knowledge of social studies.

Document 1

This poem entitled “War Girls” was published in England in 1916.

There’s the girl who clips your ticket for the train,
 And the girl who speeds the lift [elevator] from floor to floor,
There’s the girl who does a milk-round in the rain,
 And the girl who calls for orders at your door.
 Strong, sensible, and fit,
 They’re out to show their grit,
And tackle jobs with energy and knack.
 No longer caged and penned up,
 They’re going to keep their end up
Till the khaki soldier boys come marching back.

There’s the motor girl who drives a heavy van,
 There’s the butcher girl who brings your joint of meat,
There’s the girl who cries ‘All fares, please!’ like a man,
 And the girl who whistles taxis up the street.
 Beneath each uniform
 Beats a heart that’s soft and warm,
Though of canny mother-wit [common sense] they show no lack;
 But a solemn statement this is,
 They’ve no time for love and kisses
Till the khaki soldier-boys come marching back.

Source: Jessie Pope, “War Girls,” Poetry Foundation, 1916

32 Explain the historical circumstances that led to the roles women played as expressed in this poem. [1]

Score

Base your answer to question 33 on Document 2 below and on your knowledge of social studies.

Document 2

The German National Socialist Women’s League was created in 1931. In 1936, Emilie Muller-Zadow, a member of the National Socialist Women’s League, wrote this essay.

There is a growing recognition that mothers carry the destiny of their people in their hands and that the success or ruin of the nation depends on their attitude toward the vocation of motherhood.

Nation and race are facts of creation, which we, too, are called upon to share in forming and preserving. Therefore a national leadership that respects and honors its mothers is on a sound and healthy path...

The place that Adolf Hitler assigns to woman in the Third Reich corresponds to her natural and divine destiny. Limits are being set for her, which earlier she had frequently violated in a barren desire to adopt masculine traits. The value and sanctity of goals now being set for her have been unrecognized and forgotten for a long time; and due respect is now being offered to her vocation as mother of the people, in which she can and should develop her rich emotions and spiritual strengths according to eternal laws. This wake-up call of National Socialism to women is one more indication that in Germany today it is not arbitrary laws that are being issued, but rather a nation is returning to essential, eternal rules of order.

It is therefore not at all surprising that the state and party claim the education of mothers as exclusively their task and insist that all training be carried out only by National Socialists and according to the principles of National Socialism. For the way a mother sees her child, how she cares for, teaches, and forms him, the principles that she instills in him, the attitude that she demands of him, all of this is crucial for the national health, for a German morality, and for the unified overall mind-set of the future nation. . . .

Source: Emilie Muller-Zadow, “Mothers Who Give Us the Future,” 1936

33 Identify the point of view of the German National Socialist Women’s League regarding motherhood, based on this essay. [1]

Score

Similarity—tells how something is alike or the same as something else.

Difference—tells how something is not alike or not the same as something else.

34a-34b Using evidence from **both** Documents 1 and 2 and your knowledge of social studies:

- a) Identify a similarity **or** a difference between the societal expectations of women in England in 1916 and women in Germany in the 1930s. [1]
- b) Explain the similarity **or** difference you identified using evidence from both documents. [1]

Score

Part III
(Question 35)

ENDURING ISSUES ESSAY

This question is based on the accompanying documents. The question is designed to test your ability to work with historical documents. Some of these documents have been edited for the purposes of this question. As you analyze the documents, take into account the source of each document and any point of view that may be presented in the document. Keep in mind that the language and images used in a document may reflect the historical context of the time in which it was created.

Directions: Read and analyze each of the five documents and write a well-organized essay that includes an introduction, several paragraphs, and a conclusion. Support your response with relevant facts, examples, and details based on your knowledge of social studies and evidence from the documents.

An enduring issue is a challenge or problem that has been debated or discussed across time. An enduring issue is one that many societies have attempted to address with varying degrees of success.

Task:

- Identify *and* explain an enduring issue raised by this set of documents
- Argue why the issue you selected is significant *and* how it has endured across time using your knowledge of social studies and evidence from the documents

In your essay, be sure to

- Identify the enduring issue based on a historically accurate interpretation of *at least three* documents
- Explain the issue using relevant evidence from *at least three* documents
- Argue that this is a significant issue that has endured by showing:
 - How the issue has affected people or has been affected by people
 - How the issue has continued to be an issue or has changed over time
- Include relevant outside information from your knowledge of social studies

In developing your answer to Part III, be sure to keep these explanations in mind:

Identify—means to put a name to or to name.

Explain—means to make plain or understandable; to give reasons for or causes of; to show logical development or relationship of something.

Argue—means to provide a series of statements that provide evidence and reasons to support a conclusion.

Document 1

Bread and the French Revolution

...As they became more common, grain riots could have powerful repercussions. During the winter and spring of 1789, bread riots were especially common. In fact, the riots that resulted in the fall of the Bastille on 14 July 1789 and helped move forward the early stages of the French Revolution began as a search for arms and grain. Parisians had rightly suspected that some people had hoarded grain in anticipation of higher prices and they had taken to the streets to protest this hoarding.

In the early stages of the French Revolution, rising bread prices were a major concern; the new government, worried about what the people might do if they could not get access to bread, quickly responded to complaints about prices, accusations of hoarding, and other, similar concerns.

These riots and, even more simply, the threat of rioting helped propel the revolution forward and make it increasingly radical.

The rioters even tried to set price controls for bread and other essentials. But inflation continued to be a problem alongside grain shortages....

Source: Michael R. Lynn, "Riots and Rye: Bread and the French Revolution," The Ultimate History Project online

Document 2

...The Luddite disturbances started in circumstances at least superficially similar to our own. British working families at the start of the 19th century were enduring economic upheaval and widespread unemployment. A seemingly endless war against Napoleon's France had brought "the hard pinch of poverty," wrote Yorkshire historian Frank Peel, to homes "where it had hitherto [before] been a stranger." Food was scarce and rapidly becoming more costly. Then, on March 11, 1811, in Nottingham, a textile manufacturing center, British troops broke up a crowd of protesters demanding more work and better wages.

That night, angry workers smashed textile machinery in a nearby village. Similar attacks occurred nightly at first, then sporadically [irregularly], and then in waves, eventually spreading across a 70-mile swath [broad area] of northern England from Loughborough in the south to Wakefield in the north. Fearing a national movement, the government soon positioned thousands of soldiers to defend factories. Parliament passed a measure to make machine-breaking a capital offense.

But the Luddites were neither as organized nor as dangerous as authorities believed. They set some factories on fire, but mainly they confined themselves to breaking machines. In truth, they inflicted less violence than they encountered. In one of the bloodiest incidents, in April 1812, some 2,000 protesters mobbed a mill near Manchester. The owner ordered his men to fire into the crowd, killing at least 3 and wounding 18. Soldiers killed at least 5 more the next day....

Source: Richard Conniff, "What the Luddites Really Fought Against," *Smithsonian Magazine*, March 2011

Document 3

The Galway Starvation Riots occurred a few years before the potato crop failure. The Irish Potato Famine began in 1845.



ATTACK ON A POTATO STORE.

Source: "Ireland, Attack on a Potato Store – The Galway Starvation Riots,"
The Illustrated London News, June 25, 1842,
text and scan by Philip V. Allingham, The Victorian Web

Under the heading "The Galway Starvation Riots," *The Illustrated London News* for the week ending Saturday, 25 June, 1842, described how the desperation of the Irish poor had driven them on the 13th to attack a potato store in the town of Galway, another month remaining before the next harvest and possible alleviation [reduction] of their misery, occasioned by hunger. Although the attackers were led by starving women and children, at the rear of the mob were a party of formidable Claddagh fishermen. The mob dared to attack the local sheriff accompanied by a strong force of police and members of the 30th regiment as they moved to plunder a storehouse for ground oatmeal. After their victory (owing to the fact that the troops refused to fire on women and children) the fishermen insisted that the church bells be rung and windows be illuminated in the town before they put out to sea. Similar disturbances are reported as having occurred at Loughrea.

Document 4

One person was killed and six others were injured during a food riot inside a camp that houses Chadian refugees in the Sudanese region of Darfur, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) reports.

The agency said the incident occurred on Tuesday morning at the camp in Um Shalaya, about 70 kilometres southeast of El Geneina, the capital of West Darfur state.

Hundreds of stick-bearing women demonstrated noisily against a temporary reduction in the availability of sorghum,* which is widely consumed in both Chad and Sudan, because of logistical problems. Continued insecurity has made it difficult to safely transport food from El Geneina to the camp at Um Shalaya.

UNHCR reports that some members of the crowd took on local police and assaulted one of them, despite efforts by aid workers at the scene to calm the refugees. The police fired warning shots in the air and, in the confusion, a 26-year-old male refugee was hit in the chest and later died....

“The incident is very regrettable and first and foremost we express our sympathies to the persons and families of both the refugee community and the police who were injured,” said Chrysantus Ache, UNHCR’s representative in Sudan.

“We urge calm and restraint by all parties,” Mr. Ache said. “We are currently conducting a proper investigation into the incident with the Government and we hope that, together with the refugees, we can quickly reach an understanding on how to avoid such incidents in the camp in the future.”

About 6,600 refugees live in Um Shalaya, with new asylum-seekers arriving each month as they flee violence in their home areas of eastern Chad, where rebels have been fighting Government forces for months....

This week’s food riot has occurred amid mounting UN concern about repeated attacks against humanitarian convoys throughout Darfur, a vast and impoverished region on Sudan’s western flank....

Source: “Food riot at refugee camp in Darfur kills one, injures six others – UN,”
UN News online, September 4, 2008

* sorghum is a cereal grain eaten by humans and livestock in sub-Saharan Africa

Document 5

BEIJING – The factory riot that hit one of the world’s largest electronics manufacturers this week in northern China was rooted in growing economic pressure and impatience with poor work conditions among the country’s vast pool of migrant workers, analysts say, adding that if grievances remain unaddressed, such incidents are likely to increase.

The riot, which began late Sunday, involved nearly 2,000 workers at a facility of Foxconn, a Taiwan-based manufacturing giant, which temporarily shut down the factory in response. The latest unrest coincides with signs of a slowdown in the Chinese economy, as well as the launch of a new iPhone by Apple, which depends on Foxconn as its main Chinese supplier.

“Such riots have become in some ways inevitable,” said Liu Kaiming, a labor expert in Shenzhen, the hub of China’s manufacturing plants. “It’s no longer simply a matter of raising the wages.”...

The young migrant workers whose labor has fueled much of the growth of China’s economy and the global manufacturing sector have begun to change in demographics and desires. That labor pool is shrinking, according to experts, as workers from China’s provinces have become better educated and hold higher expectations for their lives....

But the heavy demands of the factory jobs have not changed with the demographics, leaving many frustrated. Most of the jobs require little education or, in many cases, skill — only intensity.

“The companies haven’t figured out how to manage that intensity,” Gallagher said. “It’s intense because of the precision required. It’s intense because of how quickly technology changes and newer models are demanded. And while the number of workers is shrinking, you have the pressures on them mounting.”...

Source: William Wan, “Foxconn riot in China unlikely to be the last, experts say,”
The Washington Post, September 25, 2012

OPTIONAL PLANNING PAGE

Enduring Issues Essay Planning Page

You may use the Planning Page organizer to plan your response if you wish, but do NOT write your essay response on this page. Writing on this Planning Page will **NOT** count toward your final score.

My Enduring Issue is: _____

Essay Requirements	Yes	Circle documents that apply	One or two possible ideas for outside information
Is this an issue supported by <i>at least three</i> documents? Which documents support this issue?		1 2 3 4 5	
Which documents can be used to develop the explanation for this issue?		1 2 3 4 5	
Has this issue significantly affected people or been affected by people? In which document or documents do you see this?		1 2 3 4 5	
Has this issue endured across time or changed over time? In which document or documents do you see this?		1 2 3 4 5	

Refer back to page 20 to review the task.

Write your essay on the lined pages in the essay booklet.

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