

Answers to the essay questions are to be written in the separate essay booklet.

In developing your answer to Part II, be sure to keep these general definitions in mind:

- (a) **describe** means “to illustrate something in words or tell about it”
- (b) **discuss** means “to make observations about something using facts, reasoning, and argument; to present in some detail”

## Part II

### THEMATIC ESSAY QUESTION

*Directions:* Write a well-organized essay that includes an introduction, several paragraphs addressing the task below, and a conclusion.

#### Theme: Conflict—Armed Conflict

Throughout history, armed conflicts have begun for various reasons. These conflicts have affected many countries and groups of people.

#### Task:

- Select **two** armed conflicts and for **each**
- Describe the historical circumstances leading to this armed conflict
  - Discuss the ways in which this armed conflict affected a specific group of people, a country, **and/or** a region

You may use any examples of armed conflict from your study of global history and geography. Some suggestions you might wish to consider include the Peloponnesian War, the Crusades, the English civil war, the Haitian war of independence, the French Revolution, the Opium War, the Sepoy Rebellion, World War I, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the Rwanda crisis.

**You are *not* limited to these suggestions.**

**Do *not* discuss armed conflicts that occurred in the United States in your answer.**

#### Guidelines:

**In your essay, be sure to**

- Develop all aspects of the task
- Support the theme with relevant facts, examples, and details
- Use a logical and clear plan of organization, including an introduction and a conclusion that are beyond a restatement of the theme