

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) **explain** means “to make plain or understandable; to give reasons for or causes of; to show the logical development or relationships of”
- (c) **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: Change—Political Leaders**

Political leaders have come to power under a variety of circumstances. Once in power, these leaders implemented policies and practices that have affected people, societies, and regions in different ways.

**Task:**

Select **two** political leaders and for **each**

- Describe the historical circumstances that brought this political leader to power
- Explain **one** policy or practice that was put into effect under this leader
- Discuss how this policy or practice affected a specific group of people or society or region

You may use any political leader from your study of global history and geography. Some suggestions you may wish to consider include Shi Huangdi in China, William and Mary in England, Napoleon Bonaparte in France, Emperor Meiji in Japan, Vladimir Lenin in Russia, Jawaharlal Nehru in India, Fidel Castro in Cuba, Ayatollah Khomeini in Iran, and Nelson Mandela in South Africa.

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

**Do *not* use political leaders from 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