

Part II Essay Directions Write a total of TWO essays.

Part A

Choose ONE question from this part. You are advised to spend some time planning before you write your answer. Cite relevant historical evidence in support of your generalizations and present your arguments clearly and logically.

1. "A presidential election that results in defeat of the party in power usually indicates the failure of the party in power to have dealt effectively with the nation's problems, rather than indicating the positive appeal of the winning candidate and his party's platform."

Assess the validity of this statement using any presidential election up to 1900.

2. What impact did the American experience from 1787 to 1900 have on the interpretation of the purpose of the Constitution and Federal Government as stated in the Preamble?

(Please select at least two parts of the Preamble and support with historical data)

3. "Does the presidency shape the president or the president shape the presidency?"

Respond to this statement using any two presidents during the time period of 1789 to 1876.

Part B is on the back.

Part B

Choose ONE question from this part. You are advised to spend some time planning before you write your answer. Cite relevant historical evidence in support of your generalizations and present your arguments clearly and logically.

4. Select TWO of the following aspects of American cultural and society and compare and contrast their nature in the Pre-Revolutionary Period (1760's) with that of the 1890's

status of African Americans religion
literature role of women suffrage
social class education labor
white and Native American relations

5. Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton had two distinct visions of the United States economic future. Based upon your knowledge of the American economy up to 1900, which man was more accurate?

Be sure to describe both men's visions and then support your choice with specific historical data.

6. Compare and contrast the views of a "typical" Northerner factory owner and Southern plantation owner on TWO of the following topics:

Seneca Falls Convention wage labor Oneida
Community
Nat Turner Rebellion Free Blacks Cult of Domesticity
immigration Manifest Destiny
Annexation of Texas
Wilmot Proviso Compromise of 1850