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 this general definition in mind:

(a) 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: Constitutional Change

> Amendments to the United States Constitution have changed our government and our society.

Task:

> Identify ***two*** amendments to the United States Constitution and for ***each***:
> - Discuss the historical circumstances that led to the adoption of the amendment
> - Discuss how the amendment changed the United States government and/or American society

You may use any constitutional amendment from your study of United States history. Some suggestions you might wish to consider include the 1st Amendment — personal freedoms (1791), 15th amendment — right to vote (1870), 16th Amendment — income tax (1913), 17th Amendment — election of senators (1913), 18th Amendment — Prohibition (1919), 19th Amendment — suffrage (1920), or 22nd Amendment — term limits (1951).

You are *not* limited to these suggestions.

Guidelines:

In your essay, be sure to

- Address all aspects of the *Task*.
- Support the theme with relevant facts, examples, and details.
- Use a logical and clear plan of organization.
- Include an introduction and a conclusion that are beyond a simple restatement of the *Theme*.