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) explain means "to make plain or understandable; to give reasons for or causes of; to show the logical development or relationships of"

(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: Belief Systems

A belief system is an established, orderly way that groups or individuals look at religious faith or philosophical principles. These systems have often affected politics, society, and the economy in the nations or regions in which they are practiced.

Task:

Select ***two*** belief systems from your study of global history and for ***each***

- Explain ***one*** major idea of the belief system
- Discuss the effects the belief system has had on the politics, society, ***and/or*** the economy of a specific nation or region

You may use any belief systems from your study of global history. Some suggestions you might wish to consider include Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Daoism, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism.

You are *not* limited to these suggestions.

Do *not* use the United States as the specific nation or region in your response.

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