

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”
- (c) **evaluate** means “to examine and judge the significance, worth or condition of; to determine the value of”

## 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: Reform Movements**

Reform movements have been an important part of United States history.

**Task:**

Identify **two** reform movements in the United States since 1800 and for **each** reform movement

- Describe the historical circumstances that led to the need for reform
- State **one** goal of the movement and discuss **two** actions taken by the government, a group, or an individual in support of this goal
- Evaluate the extent to which the reform movement has made an impact on the United States

You may use any reform movement in the United States from 1800 to the present. Some suggestions you might wish to consider include the abolitionist movement, Populist movement, Progressive movement, women’s rights movement, civil rights movement, and the labor movement.

**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
- Introduce the theme by establishing a framework that is beyond a simple restatement of the *Task* and conclude with a summation of the theme