

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) **discuss** means “to make observations about something using facts, reasoning, and argument; to present in some detail”
- (b) **explain** means “to make plain or understandable; to give reasons for or causes of; to show the logical development or relationships 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: Individuals, Groups, and Institutions — Controversial Issues

Many controversial *domestic* issues have divided the American people. The United States government has taken actions to address these issues.

Task:

Identify *one* controversial *domestic* issue that has divided the American people and

- Discuss the historical background of the controversy
- Explain the point of view of those who supported this issue
- Explain the point of view of those who opposed this issue
- Discuss *one* United States government action that was taken to address this issue

You may use any controversial *domestic* issue that has divided the American people. Some suggestions you might wish to consider include placing Native American Indians on reservations, slavery, women’s suffrage, Prohibition, the use of child labor, and the policy of unlimited immigration.

You are *not* limited to these suggestions.

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