

Answers to the essay questions are to be written in the separate essay booklet.

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: Diversity (Constitutional Rights)

Throughout United States history, Supreme Court decisions have addressed the issue of the constitutional rights of various groups. These decisions have limited or expanded the rights of members of these groups.

Task:

Identify **two** Supreme Court cases related to the rights of specific groups and for **each**

- Describe the historical circumstances surrounding the case
- Explain the Supreme Court's decision in the case
- Discuss how the Supreme Court decision limited **or** expanded the constitutional rights of members of this group

You may use any Supreme Court case from your study of United States history in which the Supreme Court addressed the issue of the constitutional rights of various groups. Some suggestions you might wish to consider include *Worcester v. Georgia* (1832), *Dred Scott v. Sanford* (1857), *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896), *Korematsu v. United States* (1944), *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* (1954), *Heart of Atlanta Motel v. United States* (1964), and *Roe v. Wade* (1973).

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

In developing your answer to Part II, be sure to keep these general definitions in mind:

- describe means “to illustrate something in words or tell about it”**
- explain means “to make plain or understandable; to give reasons for or causes of; to show the logical development or relationships of”**
- discuss means “to make observations about something using facts, reasoning, and argument; to present in some detail”**