

**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: Technology**

Technological developments have had both positive and negative effects on the United States economy and on American society.

**Task:**

Identify *two* different technological developments and for *each*

- Discuss the positive *and/or* negative effects of the technological development on the United States economy *or* on American society

You may use any technological developments from your study of United States history. Some suggestions you might wish to consider include the cotton gin, steam-powered engines, the assembly line, nuclear power, the automobile, television, and computers.

**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 simple restatement of the theme

**In developing your answer to Part II, be sure to keep this general definition in mind:**

**discuss means “to make observations about something using facts, reasoning, and argument; to present in some detail”**