

**WORLD HISTORY**

**SECTION II**

**Total Time—1 hour and 40 minutes**

**Question 2, 3, or 4 (Long Essay)**

**Suggested writing time: 40 minutes**

**Directions:** Answer Question 2 **or** Question 3 **or** Question 4. In your response you should do the following.

- Respond to the prompt with a historically defensible thesis or claim that establishes a line of reasoning.
  - Describe a broader historical context relevant to the prompt.
  - Support an argument in response to the prompt using specific and relevant examples of evidence.
  - Use historical reasoning (e.g., comparison, causation, continuity or change over time) to frame or structure an argument that addresses the prompt.
  - Use evidence to corroborate, qualify, or modify an argument that addresses the prompt.
2. Develop an argument that evaluates how the expansion of empires influenced trade and communication over time in the period prior to 1450CE.
  3. Develop an argument that evaluates how environmental factors influenced the sustainability of civilizations and empires over time in the period prior to 1450CE.
  4. Develop an argument that evaluates how religious or belief systems influenced African civilizations over time in the period prior to 1450CE.