



Exam Workshop: Short Answers

**Earning the  
Short Answer Points  
on the AP Exam**

# Exam VWorkshop: Short Answers

## **SHORT ANSWER QUESTION (SAQ):**

All four historical periods are represented among the four possible short-answer questions. Each short answer question will have three parts that must be answered labeled a), b), and c). It is most helpful if students label their answers with the corresponding letter. These three parts do NOT need to be answered in order but all three answers MUST fit inside the designated box for each question.

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## **SHORT ANSWER QUESTION (SAQ):**

Short-answer question 1 is required and includes a secondary source stimulus. The topic of the question will include historical developments or processes between the years 1200 and 2001.

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## **SHORT ANSWER QUESTION (SAQ):**

Short-answer question 2 is required and includes a primary source stimulus. The topic of the question will include historical developments or processes between the years 1200 and 2001.

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## **SHORT ANSWER QUESTION (SAQ):**

Students may select short-answer question 3 or 4, neither of which includes a stimulus. Short-answer question 3 will focus on historical developments or processes between the years 1200 and 1750. Short-answer question 4 will focus on historical developments or processes between the years 1750 and 2001.

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## **SHORT ANSWER QUESTION (SAQ):**

Each part of the short answer question can be answered in 1-3 well-planned sentences using the acronym ACE.

**A = Answer      C = Cite      E = Expand**

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## **ANSWER:**

In the first sentence, answer the question

- a) Make sure that you completely answer the question.
- b) Use key words from the question in your responses.

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## **CITE:**

In the second sentence, cite evidence, either from the included source or from your own preliminary knowledge.

- a) Cite evidence from the readings, graphs or illustrations (if included) to support, prove or explain your answer.
- b) Cite evidence from your own knowledge of world history to support, prove or explain your answer.



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## **EXPAND:**

In the last sentence, explain or extend your answer.

- a) Extend your response by explaining the connection between the information that you cited and the answer you gave.
- b) Make it clear that you know the answer because of the evidence you have provided.

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**YOUR ANSWER AND EVIDENCE FOR PARTS  
A-B-C MUST BE DIFFERENT!!**

**YOU CANNOT USE THE SAME ANSWER OR  
EVIDENCE FOR MORE THAN ONE PART OF THE  
SHORT ANSWER.**

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Read the following source document by Ibn Khaldun, a Muslim Historian, Muqaddimah, 1337.

*“Civilization both in the East and the West was visited by a destructive plague which devastated nations and caused populations to vanish. It swallowed up the good things of civilization and wiped them out...The entire inhabited world changed. The East, it seems, was similarly visited, though in accordance with and in proportion to the East’s more affluent civilization. It was if the voice of existence in the world had called out for oblivion and restriction, and the world responded to its call.”*

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**Discuss with your partner ONE of the following Short Answer questions and how to use A-C-E to effectively answer the prompt.**

- A. Identify and explain ONE thematic cause for the plague described by Ibn Khaldun who visited Eurasia between 1331 and 1347.
- B. Identify and explain ONE effect on the demography (population) of cities in Western Europe because of the plague described by Ibn Khaldun between 1331-and 1347.
- C. Identify and explain ONE economic change caused by the plague in what Ibn Khaldun describes as the “East’s more affluent civilization.”

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**Compare the following scoring guidelines with the answers you and your partner developed.**

- A. Acceptable answers would include reference to rats, fleas, bacteria, military conflict or economic trade links between Afro-Eurasia.
- B. Acceptable answers would include reference to city population decline, labor shortages, etc. IN EUROPE.
- C. Acceptable answers MUST include economic decline (change) in the trade networks of the “East” which would include reference to the Silk Road and/or Indian Ocean trade.

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Questions? Comments? Concerns?