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

- (a) **describe** means “to illustrate something in words or tell about it”
- (b) **discuss** means “to make observations about something using facts, reasoning, and argument; to present in some detail”

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: Change—Collapse of Government

The sudden death of a ruler, a defeat in war, or a successful revolution has often led to the collapse of a government. Political, social, and economic changes have occurred as a result of the collapse of a government.

Task:

Select **two** situations where the collapse of a government has led to significant changes in a country or region and for **each**

- Describe the historical circumstances that led to the collapse of a government
- Discuss the political, social, **and/or** economic changes that occurred as a result of the collapse of that government

You may use any situation from your study of global history and geography in which the collapse of a government led to significant changes in a country or region. Some suggestions you might wish to consider include collapse of the Roman Empire, collapse of Louis XVI's government, collapse of the Tokugawa shogunate, collapse of Czar Nicholas II's government, collapse of the Ottoman Empire, collapse of the Nationalist government in China [Guomindang], collapse of Batista's government in Cuba, fall of Reza Pahlavi's government in Iran, breakup of Yugoslavia, and collapse of the Soviet Union.

You are *not* limited to these suggestions.

Do *not* use an example from United States history as one of your situations.

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