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Example Part A: Written Response



Social Studies 30-2

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Social Studies 30–2

Part A: Written Response

Grade 12 Diploma Examination

Description

Time: 2 hours. This test was developed to be completed in 2 hours; however, you may take an additional ½ hour to complete the test.

Plan your time carefully.

Part A: Written Response contributes 50% of the total Social Studies 30-2 Pilot Test mark and consists of three assignments.

- **Assignment I**
Value: 10% of total test mark
Suggested time: 20–25 minutes
- **Assignment II**
Value: 20% of total test mark
Suggested time: 40–45 minutes
- **Assignment III**
Value: 20% of total test mark
Suggested time: 40–45 minutes

Do not write your name anywhere in this booklet. Feel free to make corrections and revisions directly on your written work.

Instructions

- Complete all **three** assignments.
- You may use the following print references:
 - an authorized English and/or bilingual dictionary
 - a thesaurus
 - an authorized writing handbook
- Space is provided in this booklet for planning and for your written work.
- Use blue or black ink for your written work.

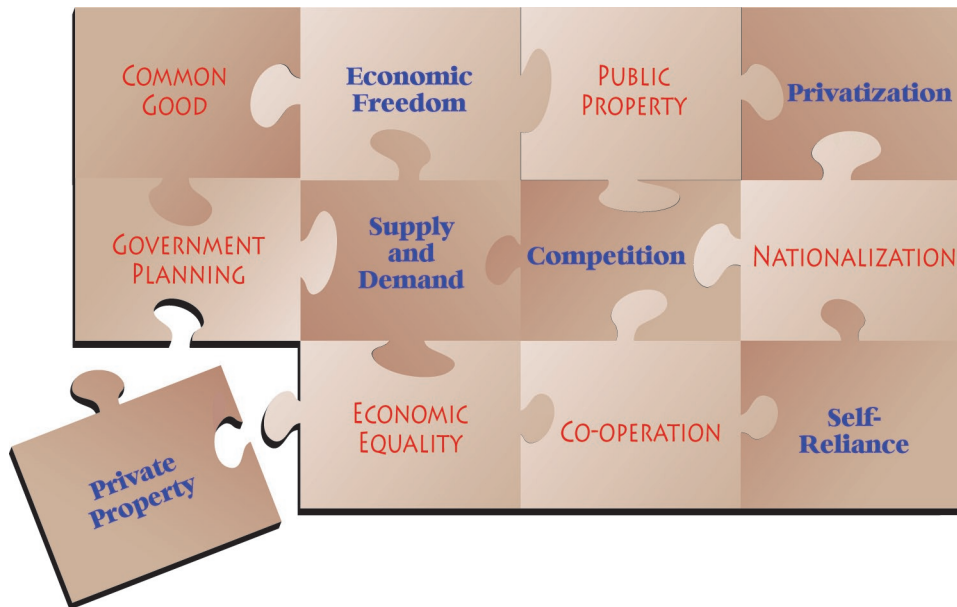
Additional Instructions for Students Using Word Processors

- Format your work using an easy-to-read 12-point or larger font such as Times.
- Double-space your final copy.
- Staple your final printed work to the page indicated for word-processed work. Hand in all work.
- Indicate in the space provided on the back cover that you have attached word-processed pages.

ASSIGNMENT I

Value: 10%
Suggested time: 20–25 minutes

Mixed economies blend principles and practices of both free market and command economies.



Which characteristic or characteristics of a free market economy do you think are the most important to the Canadian economy?



Write a response in which you **must**

- **identify** the characteristic(s) of free market economies that you think are the most important to the Canadian economy
- **explain** why the characteristic or characteristics are the most important
- **support** your response by referring to your understanding of social studies

Reminders for Writing

- **Plan** your response.
- **Organize** your explanations and support.
- **Correct** errors that you find in your writing.

Assignment I

Planning

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Assignment I

Written Work

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ASSIGNMENT II

Value: 20%

Suggested time: 40–45 minutes

Assignment II requires you to write a response in which you interpret each of the three sources on pages 6 and 7 and answer both questions on page 9.

Source I



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The message on the poster reads: “All Germany hears the leader through the radio.”

Source II



A Canadian soldier and an armed First Nations protester in a confrontation at Kahnnesatake reserve in Oka, Quebec—September 1, 1990

Source III



Assignment II

Planning

Some people embrace the values of liberalism while other people reject the values of liberalism.

What ideas do each of the sources presented on pages 6 and 7 communicate to you about the role of government in society?

AND

Considering the sources presented on pages 6 and 7, what do you think should be the role of government in society?



Write a response in which you **must**

- **interpret each** source to **identify** what the source tells you about the role of government in society
- **explain** your position on what the role of government in society should be
- **support** your interpretations and position by referring to the sources and your understanding of social studies

Reminders for Writing

- **Remember** that you must answer both questions.
- **Plan** your response.
- **Organize** your response to effectively address the assignment.
- **Refer** to the sources on pages 6 and 7 as you write your response.
- **Correct** errors that you find in your writing.

Assignment II

Planning

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Assignment II

Written Work

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Assignment II

Written Work

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Assignment II

Written Work

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ASSIGNMENT III

Value: 20%
Suggested time: 40–45 minutes

Your local newspaper interviewed four citizens selected at random and asked them to respond to the following question:

How should we respond to extremist political organizations?

Citizen I



In recent years, many countries have seen first-hand the impact of extremists who are motivated by hatred of other ethnic or religious groups. Extremism, whether or not it is expressed violently, must never be tolerated. Extremist beliefs violate a fundamental principle of liberalism—that all citizens are equal. Citizens may have to sacrifice some of their rights to allow the government to have the power it needs to crush extremist groups.

Citizen II



Defining who is and who is not an extremist is a tough judgment call. Who would decide? We must tolerate extremist organizations no matter how much we disagree with their ideas. If an extremist organization uses violence, then police forces should act and the guilty should be punished. Merely holding beliefs that are different from the rest of society is not a crime; acting on any beliefs in a way that causes harm to others is.

Citizen III



Extremist organizations must not only be tolerated, they must also have full rights of participation in our society, even if their goals are to end liberal democracy. We cannot call ourselves a liberal democracy unless we allow all people to hold differing values and express those values no matter what we think of them. If our liberal democracy is not strong enough to survive threats from a few extremists, maybe liberalism is not a worthy ideology to believe in.

ASSIGNMENT III

Value: 20%
Suggested time: 40–45 minutes

Your task is to write a letter to the editor of the newspaper on the following question:

How should we respond to extremist political organizations?



Write a letter to the editor in which you **must**

- **explore** the issue of how to respond to extremist political organizations
- **analyze** various points of view on the issue
- **identify** your point of view on the question
- **support** your point of view by referring to your understanding of social studies

Reminders for Writing

- **Remember** to consider the information on page 14.
- **Organize** your ideas and support.
- **Correct** errors that you find in your writing.

Assignment III

Planning

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ASSIGNMENT III

Written Work

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Written Work

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Written Work

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ASSIGNMENT III

Written Work

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You may now wish to review and revise your written work.*

Credits

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