**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: Political Systems**

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| Several types of political systems have existed throughout history. Some systems of government have been strong and centralized, while others have formed, without structure, out of necessity or convenience to its citizens.  |

**Task:**

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| Choose ***one*** political system that brought economic or social change to its citizens and * Describe the political system
* Discuss how the political system affected citizens economically ***or*** socially in one country or region
* Discuss how the political system affected citizens economically ***or*** socially in a ***second*** country or region
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 You may use any example of political systems from your study of global history. Some suggestions you might wish to consider include feudalism, communism, and capitalism. You are *not* limited to these suggestions

**Do *not* use the United States as an example of a country or region.**

 **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.

Define Feudalism: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Comparing Feudal Systems

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| **Country** | **Europe** | **Japan** |
| **Economic Effects** |  |  |
| **Social Effects** |  |  |