

## EUROPEAN HISTORY

### SECTION II

**Total Time – 1 hour and 40 minutes**

#### **Question 1 (Document-Based Question)**

**Suggested reading and writing time: 1 hour**

**It is suggested that you spend 15 minutes reading the documents and 45 minutes writing your response.**

**Note: You may begin writing your response before the reading period is over.**

**Directions:** Question 1 is based on the accompanying documents. The documents have been edited for the purpose of this exercise.

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 at least six documents.
- Use at least one additional piece of specific historical evidence (beyond that found in the documents) relevant to an argument about the prompt.
- For at least three documents, explain how or why the document's point of view, purpose, historical situation, and/or audience is relevant to an argument.
- Use evidence to corroborate, qualify, or modify an argument that addresses the prompt.

1. Evaluate whether or not the industrialization of Manchester had an overall positive or negative impact on Britain in the nineteenth century.

### Document 1

Source: Robert Southey, English Romantic poet, after visiting Manchester in 1807, *Colloquies on the Progress and Prospects of Society*, 1829

A place more destitute than Manchester is not easy to conceive. In size and population it is the second city of the kingdom. Imagine this multitude crowded together in narrow streets, the houses all built of brick and blackened with smoke: frequent buildings among them as large as convents, without their antiquity, without their beauty, without their holiness, where you hear from within, the everlasting din of machinery; and where, when the bell rings, it is to call the wretches to their work instead of to their prayers.

### Document 2

Source: Thomas B. Macaulay, liberal Member of Parliament and historian, essay, "Southey's Colloquies," 1830s.

People live longer because they are better fed, better lodged, better clothed, and better attended in sickness, and these improvements are owing to the increase in national wealth which the manufacturing system has produced. Mr. [Robert] Southey has found a way, he tells us, in which the effects of manufactures and agriculture may be compared. And what is this way? To stand on a hill, to look at a cottage and a factory, and to see which is prettier. Does Mr. Southey think that the English peasantry live, or ever lived, in substantial and ornamented cottages, with box-hedges, flower-gardens, beehives, and orchards?

### Document 3

Source: Alexis de Tocqueville, French visitor to Manchester, *Journeys to England and Ireland*, 1835.

Everything in the outward appearance of the city attests to the individual powers of man; nothing to the directing power of society. Nowhere do you see a happy man taking his leisurely walk in the streets of the city or going to seek simple enjoyment in the surrounding country. A multitude passes along without stopping; it looks abstracted, its aspect somber and uncouth.

From this foul drain the greatest stream of human industry flows out to fertilize the whole world. From this filthy sewer pure gold flows. Here humanity attains its most complete development and its most brutish; here civilization works its miracles, and civilized man is turned back into a savage.

### Document 4

Source: Flora Tristan, French socialist and women's rights advocate, her published journal, 1842.

Unless you have visited the manufacturing towns and seen the workers of Manchester, you cannot appreciate the physical suffering and moral degradation of this class of the population. Most workers lack clothing, bed, furniture, fuel, wholesome food – even potatoes! They spend from twelve to fourteen hours each day shut up in low-ceilinged rooms where with every breath of foul air they absorb fibers of cotton, wool or flax, or particles of copper, lead or iron. They live suspended between an insufficiency of food and an excess of strong drink; they are all wizened, sickly and emaciated, their bodies thin and frail, their limbs feeble, their complexions pale, their eyes dead. If you visit a factory, it is easy to see that the comfort of the workers has never entered the builder's head.

O God! Can progress be bought only at the cost of men's lives?

### Document 5

Source: Wheelan and Co., preface to a business directory, on Manchester being granted a royal charter as a city, 1852.

Perhaps no part of England, not even London, presents such remarkable and attractive features as Manchester, the Workshop of the World. It is to the energetic exertions and enterprising spirit of its population that Manchester is mainly indebted to its elevation as a seat of commerce and manufacture, which it has recently attained and for which it is distinguished beyond any other town in the British Dominions or indeed the world. There is scarcely a country on the face of the habitable globe into which the fruits of its industry have not penetrated.

### Document 6

Source: William Alexander Abram, journalist and historian, journal article, 1868.

The condition of the factory laborers has been vastly improved within the last quarter of a century. The Hours of Labor in Factories Act, passed in 1844, worked a thorough reform. The excessive hours of labor have been legally reduced to ten hours per day. Wages – thanks mainly to accelerated machinery and improved working conditions – have largely increased. A new cotton mill of the first class is a model of spaciousness and convenience. The lavish provision of public parks, baths, and free libraries promotes the health, happiness and culture of the industrial orders. Far seldomer than before do we hear the murmur of popular discontent. Sickness and mortality have been reduced to an extent that is almost incredible.

## Document 7

Source: View from Blackfriars Bridge over the River Irwell, *The Graphic*, weekly magazine dealing with social issues, 1870s.



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**END OF DOCUMENTS FOR QUESTION 1**

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## CONTEXTUALIZATION

**Describes a broader historical context relevant to the prompt.**

*The response must relate the topic of the prompt to broader historical events, developments, or processes that occur before, during, or continue after the time frame of the question. This point is not awarded for merely a phrase or a reference.*

## THESIS / CLAIM

**Responds to the prompt with a historically defensible thesis/claim that establishes a line of reasoning.**

*The thesis must make a claim that responds to the prompt, rather than merely restating or rephrasing the prompt. The thesis must consist of one or more sentences located in one place, either in the introduction or the conclusion.*

## DOCUMENTS, EVIDENCE, & ANALYSIS

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Accurately **DESCRIBES** the content of **at least THREE** documents to address the topic of the prompt. Quotes are insufficient to earn this point.

**SUPPORTS** an argument in response to the prompt using **at least SIX** documents. These documents should meet (and exceed) the standard set for the description point.

For **at least THREE** documents, **EXPLAINS HOW** or **WHY** the document's point of view, purpose, historical situation, and/or audience is relevant to an argument.

**Uses at least one additional piece of specific historical evidence** (beyond that found in the documents) relevant to an argument about the prompt.

*The response must describe the evidence and must use more than a phrase or reference. This additional piece of evidence must be different from the evidence used to earn the point for contextualization.*

**Demonstrates a complex understanding of the historical development that is the focus of the prompt, using evidence to corroborate, qualify, or modify an argument that addresses the question.**

*The response must demonstrate a complex understanding, which must be part of the argument and not merely a phrase or reference. This could include:*

- Explaining nuance by analyzing multiple variables
- Explaining both similarity and difference, both continuity and change, or multiple causes, or both causes and effects
- Explaining relevant and insightful connections within and across periods
- Confirming the validity of an argument by corroborating multiple perspectives across themes
- Qualifying or modifying an argument by considering diverse or alternative views or evidence

**TOTAL  
POINTS:**

**/7**

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