

EUROPEAN HISTORY

SECTION II

Part B

(Suggested planning and writing time—35 minutes)

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1. To what extent did Marx and Freud each challenge the 19th century liberal belief in rationality and progress? (1985)
2. To what extent did the emancipation of Russian serfs and other reforms in the 19th century contribute to the modernization of Russia before the First World War? (1984)
3. Discuss the ways in which European Jews were affected by and responded to liberalism, nationalism, and anti-Semitism in the 19th century. (1995)

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4. Historians speak of the rise of mass politics in the period from 1880 to 1914. Define this phenomenon and analyze its effects on European politics in this period. (2005)

 5. Compare and contrast the foreign policy goals and achievements of Metternich (1815-1848) and Bismarck (1862-1890). (2002)

 6. Compare and contrast political liberalism with political conservatism in the first half of the 19th century in Europe. (2003-B)