

AP Human Geography 2001 Free-Response Questions

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HUMAN GEOGRAPHY SECTION II

Time—60 minutes Percent of total grade—50

Directions: You have 60 minutes to answer all three of the following questions. It is suggested that you take a few minutes to plan and outline each answer. Spend approximately one-third of your time (20 minutes) on each question. Illustrate your essay with substantive examples where appropriate. It is not enough to answer a question by merely listing facts. You should present a cogent argument based on your critical analysis of the questions posed and your understanding of geography. Make certain to number each of your answers in the pink booklet as the question is numbered below.

- 1. (a) (i) Define the term "Green Revolution" as used during the period 1945 to 1985.
 - (ii) Explain the principal agricultural practices/technologies associated with the green revolution.
 - (iii) Name TWO regions, in different parts of the world, where the green revolution has had a significant impact on crop yields.
 - (b) Identify and discuss TWO social, political, or cultural conditions necessary for the success of the agricultural practices/technologies of the green revolution.
 - (c) Identify and discuss TWO significant economic or ecological factors that may limit the long-term success of the agricultural practices/technologies of the green revolution.
- 2. The development of suburbs in North American metropolitan areas has greatly accelerated since the 1950's and 1960's.

Discuss how THREE of the following have contributed to this acceleration.

- (a) Transportation
- (b) Housing production
- (c) Landscape preferences
- (d) Social and demographic trends

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- 3. According to the Rostow model, countries move through the following five stages of economic development:
 - Stage 1: Traditional
 - Stage 2: Preconditions for takeoff
 - Stage 3: Takeoff
 - Stage 4: Drive to maturity
 - Stage 5: High mass consumption

Explain the usefulness of the model in understanding contemporary social and economic change with reference to any THREE of the following:

- (a) A country's role in the world economy
- (b) Colonial transportation networks
- (c) Cultural differences
- (d) Local social and class structures

Be sure to support your answers with examples from any of the following regions:

Latin America Sub-Saharan Africa South Asia

END OF EXAMINATION