

Social Studies 30–1

Practice Diploma Exam: Part A: Written Responses

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Part A: Written Response

Grade 12 Diploma Examination

Description

Time: 2½ hours. This examination was developed to be completed in 2½ hours; however, you may take an additional ½ hour to complete the examination.

Part A: Written Response consists of two assignments worth 50% of the total Social Studies 30–1 Diploma Examination mark.

Evaluation: Your written-response evaluation will be based on the following weightings:

Assignment I: Source Analysis
Value: 15% of total examination mark

- Interpretation of Sources
- Identification of Relationships
- Communication

Assignment II: Position Paper
Value: 35% of total examination mark

- Analysis of Source
- Argumentation
- Evidence
- Presentation
- Matters of Correctness

Instructions

- 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.

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Written-Response Assignment I

Examine all three sources on pages 2 and 3 and complete the assignment on page 5.

Assignment I – Sources

Source I

This photograph was taken on the Brandon University campus in Manitoba, 1970.



S.J. McKee Archives, Brandon University

Left banner reads:
TELEGRAMS PROTESTING THE WAR
MEASURES ACT. TO: P.M. Trudeau + Premier
Schreyer. SIGN HERE.

Right banner reads:
We do "NOT" support FLQ.
We do oppose the suspension
of "YOUR" CIVIL Liberties.

Source I

Brandon University Photograph collection, *October Crisis protest* (BUPC5.1), S.J. McKee Archives, Brandon University

Source II

The state determines all that is morally, socially, and materially valuable. Therefore, it has the right and obligation to monopolize all power and authority, controlling all aspects of society. The state functions as the protector of citizens, providing them with identities, welfare, and security in return for loyalty and obedience. No rights or freedoms should exist apart from service to the state. Individuals and groups constitute one unified, integral whole working towards common goals. Thus, any notion that liberalism functions for the greater good is naive.

Source III

Canadians have proved themselves willing to put in place important measures to address extraordinary threats. The *Anti-Terrorism Act* was carefully crafted by parliamentarians to provide such measures in a way that was consistent with our *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and with our core values. Given the nature of the measures adopted by the Government, we are committed to their legislative review at the end of this year¹ to ensure that the balance struck was appropriate. We also need to ensure that there are effective mechanisms for oversight and review so that, in protecting an open society, we do not inadvertently erode the very liberties and values we are determined to uphold.

¹2004

—from Government of Canada Privy Council Office

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Written-Response Assignment I

ASSIGNMENT I:
Source Interpretation

Value: 20% of the total examination mark
Suggested time: 60 to 75 minutes

Examine all three sources on pages 2 and 3 and complete the following assignment.

Assignment

Examine each source.

Write a response in paragraph form in which you must:

- **interpret** each source to **demonstrate** your understanding of how each source links to liberalism

AND

- **explain** one or more of the relationships that exist among all **three** sources

Reminders for Writing

- **Organize** your response
- **Proofread** your response

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Written-Response Assignment II

ASSIGNMENT II:
Position Paper

Value: 30% of the total examination mark
Suggested time: 90 to 105 minutes

Analyze the following source and complete the assignment.

Source

Society achieves its finest expression through the self-interest and freedom of individuals. When we adopt these principles, we will lessen the need for government to interfere in our lives.

Assignment

To what extent should we embrace the ideological perspective(s) reflected in the source?

Write an essay in which you must:

- **analyze** the source to **demonstrate** an understanding of the ideological perspective(s) reflected in the source
- **establish** and **argue** a position in response to the question presented
- **support** your position and arguments by using evidence from your knowledge and understanding of social studies

Reminders for Writing

- **Organize** your essay
- **Proofread** your essay