

Preview for the Final Exam History 106

The final exam will be both similar to and different from the mid-term. Several sections are similar to those on the mid-term and indeed on content quizzes, yet some new sections appear as well. The exam will concentrate on material covered in the second half of the semester, but issues from earlier in the course will make their appearance as well, so do not neglect the first half of the semester in your preparations. The handouts on the web site, the paragraphs you have written, and the content quizzes throughout the course offer ample material to study. The point distribution listed here is approximate and the final version of the exam may differ slightly in this regard.

PART ONE: Multiple Choice (8 items @1 point each = 8 points). No surprises here, just good old-fashioned fun.

PART TWO: Chronology (5 items @ 2 points = 10 points). Here you will be asked to place a list of historical events in correct chronological order. You need not name any specific dates. The main issue is whether you grasp the relationship between central historical events on the most basic level – in terms of when, relatively, they actually occurred. There will be an element of choice in this section, and partial credit may be awarded.

EXAMPLE: A) The outbreak of World War II
B) The October (Bolshevik) Revolution in Russia
C) The creation of NATO
D) The outbreak of World War I

ANSWER: D, B, A, C

PART THREE: Matching Folks and Ideas (12 items @ 1 point = 12 points). This section should be familiar from content quizzes. Your job is simply to connect the listed people to their descriptions. There will be no element of choice here.

PART FOUR: Short Answers (10 items @ 1 points = 10 points). This section, too, is the same as what you have seen on content quizzes and the mid-term. In each case, the answer will consist of only one word or phrase. There will an element of choice.

PART FIVE: Things in Pairs (5 items @ 2 points = 10 points). This section is just like the previous one, only the answer in each case will consist of TWO items. There will an element of choice.

PART SIX: “God Loves Trinities” (8 items @ 3 points = 24 points). This is a Russian expression is indicating that some things come in threes. So the answer in each case will consist of THREE elements. There will an element of choice.

PART SEVEN: Triad (1 item @ 26 points). Two or three of the four triads below will appear on the exam. You will choose one of them and write an absolutely smokin’ triad that blows my socks off. Partial credit will be given for blowing one of my socks off. Keep in mind that the triad essay is an opportunity for you to demonstrate the depth of your knowledge and the degree of your engagement with the material. Consider it also an opportunity to take a step back and to think about the larger of meaning of all that we have learned. The best triad essays will be those that address broader sweeps of time rather than one particular moment in history. They will also include evidence—reference to specific events, ideas, people, and concepts. Of course, you will

not be able to quote, since you are writing in class. But this does not relieve you of the obligation to provide evidence. My advice: prepare at least to a degree for all four triads, since in that way you will prepare for the exam as a whole.

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The exam is on Monday 13 May at 10.10 AM. You must be on time for this examination. Students arriving after the start of the exam will be penalized for the first ten minutes of the exam period. Thereafter, students lose the opportunity to take the exam. As is usually the case, I should be in my office from around 7 AM on the day of the exam for final questions. Good luck in your preparations, and contact me if you should need any help or guidance.