

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

(Students should not use bullet points on the examination.)

Question 1

A) A good response will include one technological innovations that stimulated the Industrial Revolution.

- The steam engine
- New types of textile manufacturing machines
- The cotton gin
- The railroad engine
- New processes for iron manufacture
- The factory system

B) A good response will include two causes of the Industrial Revolution other than rapid expansion of international trade.

- Enclosure of open fields stimulated agricultural production and freed labor for factory work
- The Bank of England rationalized credit distribution
- The genius of inventors such as James Watt developed in an “engineering” culture
- The large free trade zone within Great Britain
- Large amounts of surplus capital accumulated by the landed elite
- Rich resources in Britain of coal and iron ore (located close together) and providing cheap energy
- Ease of water transportation in Britain
- Rapid population growth
- Political stability in Britain

Question 2

A) A good response will explain one reason why the topic of electoral reform was under discussion in Britain in the 1790s.

- The French Revolution which overthrew an unreformed political system in France made the British elite consider reform themselves
- The Enlightenment encouraged politicians to consider modernization of the political system and propose methods to make it more rational and meritocratic
- The American Revolution had established a more democratic system than existed in Britain and the Americans seemed to be progressing satisfactorily
- The British electoral system was becoming progressively more corrupt, manipulated by the aristocracy and incorporating absurdities such as constituencies that had few or no electors while growing urban centers lacked any representation