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# AP<sup>®</sup> United States History

## Sample Student Responses and Scoring Commentary Set 2

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**Question 3: Short Answer No Stimulus****3 points****General Scoring Notes**

- Each point is earned independently.
- **Accuracy:** These scoring guidelines require that students demonstrate historically defensible content knowledge. Given the timed nature of the exam, responses may contain errors that do not detract from their overall quality, as long as the historical content used to advance the argument is accurate.
- **Clarity:** Exam responses should be considered first drafts and thus may contain grammatical errors. Those errors will not be counted against a student unless they obscure the successful demonstration of the content knowledge, skills, and practices described below.
- **Describe:** Provide the relevant characteristics of a specified topic. Description requires more than simply mentioning an isolated term.
- **Explain:** Provide information about how or why a historical development or process occurs or how or why a relationship exists.

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- (A)** Briefly describe one way in which religion influenced European migration to the Americas from 1500 to 1700. **1 point**

**Examples that earn this point include the following:**

- British migrants sought religious freedom in the American colonies.
- Spanish Christians desired to spread their religion in the Americas.
- Persecution in England against Puritans motivated them to come for religious freedom.
- Religious rivalry between Protestant and Catholic countries contributed to frequent warfare in Europe, which encouraged migration to American colonies.
- French Catholic missionaries migrated to North America to found settlements that incorporated Native Americans.
- English missionaries migrated to North America and formed praying towns with Native American converts to Christianity.

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- (B)** Briefly explain one similarity in how religion influenced the development of two colonies in North America from 1600 to 1700. **1 point**

**Examples that earn this point include the following:**

- One of the motivations for Europeans to establish and expand colonies on the East Coast and in the Southwest was to spread Christianity.
- Puritans developed strict rules about behavior because of their religious beliefs, leading to more social uniformity in Massachusetts and Connecticut.
- The colonies of the southern Atlantic coast and the British West Indies included large numbers of enslaved Africans who developed their own forms of religious autonomy that shaped the culture of both societies.
- Catholics in Maryland and Protestants in Virginia resulted in the British Colonies being majority Christian.

- Both New France and New Spain discouraged non-Catholic migration and maintained relative Catholic religious uniformity.

**Examples that earn this point might include the following, if appropriate elaboration is provided:**

- Colonies established with a majority Anglican (Church of England) population
- Colonies established by people seeking religious freedom
- Colonies founded with the idea of religious toleration and diversity
- Religious justifications for subjugating Native Americans

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**(C)** Briefly explain one difference in how religion influenced the development of two colonies in North America from 1600 to 1700. **1 point**

**Examples that earn this point include the following:**

- Puritans created more religiously devout colonies in the North, while Southern colonies had lower church membership.
- The religious diversity of the middle colonies led to more tolerance than in Puritan-dominated New England.
- While Virginia was settled by mostly Protestants, toleration in Maryland allowed for settlement by diverse religious groups such as Catholics and others.
- Whereas Puritan mistreatment of Native Americans in Massachusetts resulted in conflict in the seventeenth century, Pennsylvania avoided conflict with Native Americans until the mid-eighteenth century, largely due to the pacifist influence of Quakers.
- Massachusetts's Puritanism led it to develop a society less tolerant of other religious views, while Pennsylvania's Quaker influence made it more open and inclusive.
- Puritanism in Massachusetts and other strains of radical Protestantism inspired, in some areas of life, egalitarianism, whereas the predominance of high church Anglicanism in colonies like Virginia reinforced social hierarchy.
- Religion in New England and the Middle colonies had a significant influence on the motivation for colonial foundation; however, religion had less influence compared to economic factors in Southern colonies.

**Examples that earn this point might include the following, if appropriate elaboration is provided:**

- Catholic settlements in New Spain compared to Puritan settlements in Massachusetts Bay

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**Total for question 3 3 points**

Important: After you have completed your response to either Question 3 or Question 4, completely fill in the circle that corresponds to the question you answered.

Question 3

Question 4



Write your answer to SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION 3 or 4 on this page only. Do NOT write outside the box. Do not skip lines.

(a) One way in which religion influenced European migration to the Americas from 1500-1700 was the movement of Puritans due to distaste for the Church of England. The Protestant Church of England had changed its policies to tolerate ~~more~~ more deviation from pure scripture. This resulted in the Puritans, a group of Christians who supported stricter adherence to the Bible, moving to New England to establish their own communities where they could enforce their stricter religious values and follow Puritanism.

(b) One similarity in how religion influenced the development of the two colonies of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania was that both areas were a safe haven for followers of respective Christian denominations. Puritans, who supported strict Protestantism, flocked to the colony of Massachusetts to "purify" the church. ~~This is sim~~ This colony served as a safe haven for them, similar to how Pennsylvania served as a safe haven for Quakers, who supported religious tolerance. As such, these two colonies served as safe havens for Puritans and Quakers respectively.

(c) One difference in how religion influenced the development of the two colonies of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania was that Massachusetts supported religious intolerance due to Puritans whereas Pennsylvania supported religious tolerance due to Quakers. Due to their stricter interpretation of Protestantism, Puritans expelled anyone who dissented against their views. This is in contrast with Pennsylvania, where Quakers allowed all ~~of~~ denominations of Christianity to coexist, thus resulting in more religious diversity and tolerance. Thus, the level of religious tolerance influenced the development of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

End of response area for Question 3 or Question 4

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Question 3

Question 4



Write your answer to **SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION 3 or 4** on this page only. Do NOT write outside the box. Do not skip lines.

a. One way that religion influenced European migration to the Americas was the development of religious sectionalism in Europe leading to many groups to leave Europe. This included the Pilgrims who were separatists that did agree with English religious beliefs so they left for America.

b. One similarity between the development of the colonies of Maryland and the Massachusetts Bay colony was that religion was the main basis for their governing bodies. The development of close knit societies that all were church members resulted in a semi-theocratic government.

c. One difference between the Massachusetts Bay colony and Pennsylvania with regards to religion is that the Pennsylvania was more tolerant. As a result of Quaker influence Pennsylvania was more religiously and ethnically diverse than the Puritan Massachusetts Bay colony who were strict in their religious tolerance.

**End of response area for Question 3 or Question 4**

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Question 3

Question 4



Write your answer to **SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION 3** or **4** on this page only. Do **NOT** write outside the box. Do not skip lines.

3a. Religion influenced European Migration to the Americas in the 1500-1700 because of people seeking for religious freedom. For example, the puritans moved to the New England because they want to reform the Church of England and they had their own ideas. Thus, ~~the~~ European migration happened because of new opportunities for people to advocate for their own beliefs.

One similarity of how

3b. Religion influenced the development of New England colonies and Chesapeake colonies from the 1600s to 1700s.

3c. One difference in how religion influenced development of two colonies in North America from 1600 to 1700 is how strict they implemented the religion. In the New England, the towns were together everyone had to go to town meetings.

**End of response area for Question 3 or Question 4**

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### Short Answer Question 3

**Note:** Student samples are quoted verbatim and may contain spelling and grammatical errors.

#### Overview

- Responses were expected to describe how religion influenced European migration to the Americas from 1500 to 1700.
- Responses were expected to explain one similarity and one difference in how religion influenced the development of two colonies in North America from 1600 to 1700.
- This question primarily addressed Topics 1.3, 1.6, 1.7, 2.2, and 2.3.

#### Sample: 3A

##### Score: 3

The response to part (a) earned 1 point by identifying how religion influenced the Puritans' decision to migrate to the Americas. The response identifies that a key motivation for the Puritans' migration was their desire to escape religious persecution in England.

The response to part (b) earned 1 point by identifying the similarity between the colonies of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. The response explains that they were both safe havens for Puritans and Quakers. The response demonstrates that the colonies were founded by people seeking religious freedom.

The response to part (c) earned 1 point by identifying differing degrees of religious tolerance between the colonies of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. The response identifies that Massachusetts was less tolerant of different religious groups, compared to Pennsylvania, which was more inclusive of different religious groups.

#### Sample: 3B

##### Score: 2

The response to part (a) earned 1 point by identifying how religion influenced the Pilgrims' decision to migrate to the Americas. The response explains the Pilgrims' motivations as their desire for religious freedom and to escape England due to their religious beliefs.

The response to part (b) did not earn a point because it does not correctly identify a point of similarity between the Massachusetts and Maryland colonies. The response correctly argues that Massachusetts had a theocratic government; however, this was not the case for Maryland.

The response to part (c) earned 1 point by identifying a difference between Pennsylvania Quakers and Massachusetts Puritans by noting their differing approaches to religious tolerance.

### Short Answer Question 3 (continued)

**Sample: 3C**

**Score: 1**

The response to part (a) earned 1 point by identifying how the Puritans' motivations to colonize the Americas was due to their desire to escape religious persecution in England.

The response to part (b) did not earn a point because it does not provide a religious similarity between the New England and Chesapeake colonies.

The response to part (c) did not earn a point because it does not provide an example of a religious difference between two colonies in the Americas.