

Solutions

Each answer shows the steps, then the **result**.

2.1

- on the Republicans' free-soil platform, without any Southern electoral votes

2.2

- a president could be elected against the unanimous opposition of a section, so the electoral arithmetic no longer required Southern consent

2.3

(a)

- that secession was decided through debate and voting, with opposition, rather than simply occurring

(b)

- that not all slave states seceded

3.1 A

- free soil

3.2 A

- not all

3.3

(a)

- that the section's votes are no longer needed to decide a national election

(b)

- influence inside the system had rested on being needed, and a section that is not needed must find another means of protecting its position