

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

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- (A)** Identify ONE reason for the increase in the movement of enslaved peoples across the Atlantic Ocean during the period circa 1450–1750. **1 point**

Examples that earn this point include the following:

- The increased demand for enslaved peoples was due to a need for more labor.
- More enslaved peoples from Africa were brought across the Atlantic because of the increased number of sugar plantations.
- The loss of indigenous peoples due to disease led to a demand for more workers.

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- (B)** Explain ONE way the increasing number of enslaved peoples resulted in social or cultural change in the Americas during the period circa 1450–1750. **1 point**

Examples that earn this point include the following:

- Enslaved Africans brought over their own religions, which mixed with Christianity to create syncretic beliefs.
- New social classes emerged as Europeans created terms like *mestizos* and *mulattoes* to refer to the children born to African enslaved peoples, indigenous peoples, and European settlers.
- The Spanish created a racial hierarchy known as the *casta* system to classify mixed-race families, which also allowed Europeans to maintain social dominance.

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- (C)** Explain ONE way the increased demand for enslaved peoples affected African populations during the period circa 1450–1750. **1 point**

Examples that earn this point include the following:

- There was a demographic impact due to the increased number of people being enslaved, as most were young men, leaving many African societies with gender imbalance.

- The increased demand for enslaved peoples resulted in an extreme loss of population in West Africa and politically weakened many kingdoms, such as Kongo.
- Increased demand for enslaved peoples led to higher levels of warfare among African states, as they sought to respond to European demand.
- Enslaved peoples from Africa often suffered high mortality rates due to poor conditions aboard ships and harsh working conditions in the Americas.

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- (A)** Identify ONE **technological** development that contributed to Europeans' ability to spread religious ideas in the Americas during the period 1450 to 1750. **1 point**

Examples that earn this point include the following:

- The development of new ships, such as the caravel, contributed to Europeans' ability to spread religious ideas in the Americas during the period 1450 to 1750.
- The printing press is a technological development that helped spread European religious ideas.
- Improved cartography and transoceanic travel contributed to Europeans' ability to spread religious ideas in the Americas.

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- (B)** Explain ONE way that religion contributed to the process of state expansion and/or exploration in the Americas during the period 1450 to 1750. **1 point**

Examples that earn this point include the following:

- European missionaries often supported colonialism in order to spread Christianity.
- Spanish monarchs and conquistadors used religion to justify their colonization of the Americas.
- The creation of new religious orders, such as the Jesuits, contributed to Catholic attempts to control and enforce religious orthodoxy in Spanish and Portuguese colonies in the Americas.

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- (C)** Explain ONE reason why syncretic belief systems developed in the Americas during the period 1450 to 1750. **1 point**

Examples that earn this point include the following:

- Indigenous American peoples often created new syncretic religious traditions by incorporating some of their own religious beliefs and practices with Christianity.
- The forced mixing of different African peoples led to the blending of religious practices and the creation of new religious traditions based on traditional African religious practices, as well as the blending of African religious traditions with Christianity.
- Ethnic and racial intermixing of various groups in the Americas created diverse colonial populations whose culture (including inherited religious traditions) combined elements of both Christian and pre-Christian religions.

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