

SS2: ASIAN STUDIES, 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER

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Timetable Synthesis Questions

MAJOR ESSAY #1

Now that your class has completed the timetable of Chinese, Indian and Islamic history, I would like you to think about what you have just accomplished by answering the following questions.

This is an individual paper to be submitted on September 15 for Camia, Ilang-Ilang and Jasmin, and September 16 for Rosal. That deadline will give you one whole week from the official announcement of this essay in class.

Since this is your first major essay in my class, please take note of the following guidelines.

FORMAT:

- Paper size: 8.5 x 11 (short bond paper)
Page limit: 4
Margins: 1 inch all around
Font type and size: Cambria, Garamond or Times New Roman, size 11
Line spacing: 1.5
SS2 '08-09 Major Essay #1 is centered and typewritten (size 14) at the beginning of the paper
Name (family name first) and section is typewritten at the end of the paper
Paper is stapled upon submission

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Answer each question individually with as much detail as you can without exceeding the page limit for the entire paper (4 pages). Note: This is not one question per page. It's up to you how to use your limit.
2. No need to retype my question on your paper. Simply number your paragraph to correspond to the item you are answering.
3. Every excess page will lower your grade by one full letter (for example, from A+ to B+).
4. Every day late will lower your grade by one full letter (for example, one day late will make an A+ to a B+, another day, B+ to C+, another day C+ to D, and so on.)
5. Each question will be graded from a scale of 0.00 to 1.00, with full use of decimal points for partially accurate answers. The total will determine your grade for the requirement. It is possible to score higher than 1.00 per item.

Table with 12 columns showing grade scales: > 4.00 (A+), 4.00 (A), 3.75 (A-), 3.50 (B+), 3.00 (B), 2.75 (B-), 2.50 (C+), 2.00 (C), 1.75 (C-), 1.5 (D), 1.00 (F), < 1.00 (F2)

6. Consult the following rubric to know how your answers will be graded.

Rubric table with 2 columns: Score Range and Description. Rows include: > 1.00 (up to 1.20), 0.90 to 1.00, 0.60 to 0.89, 0.30 to 0.59, 0.10 to 0.29, < 0.09.

## QUESTIONS:

Note: Questions in bold are the thesis of the questions.

1. **Did you notice events or achievements that crossed over different aspects of civilization?** What does this say about the development of civilizations and societies? Cite specific examples in explaining your thoughts.
2. **Did you notice events or achievements that crossed over different civilizations?** What does this say about the relationship of the three "cultural cores" of Asia which each other? Cite specific examples in explaining your thoughts.
3. **Based on your observations of the timeline, did the three civilizations develop at the same time? Did they develop at similar "speeds"? Or are they vastly different in terms of how they developed?** (Related to that, did you notice whether any of them holds a distinct advantage over the other? For example, one is an economic power while the other is a cultural force, and so on.) State all your observations and use appropriate examples.
4. **Identify a common era in the timeline when all three civilizations were at their height. How did they relate to each other during that time?** Describe what the Asian continent could have been like. Furthermore, how is that period in Asian history similar or different from Asia as it is today?

This is all.

## Reminders:

1. Deadline is September 8.
2. Follow the format strictly. Deductions (-0.05) will be given for each non-compliance.
3. Take note of how you will be graded.

Good luck!