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INFORMATION BOOKLET FOR SCORING THE REGENTS EXAMINATION IN GLOBAL HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY II JANUARY, JUNE, AND AUGUST 2025 ADMINISTRATIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

The general procedures to be followed in administering Regents Examinations are provided in the publications [Directions for Administering Regents Examinations](#) (DET 541) and the [School Administrator's Manual](#), both available on the Department's website. Questions about **general administration procedures** for Regents Examinations should be directed to the Office of State Assessment (OSA) at 518-474-5902 or 518-474-8220. For information about the **rating** of the Regents Examination in Global History and Geography II, contact Dan King or Rachel Yusko of OSA at 518-474-5902.

School administrators should print or photocopy this information booklet and distribute copies to all school personnel who will be scoring the examination.

SCORING THE EXAMINATION

NOTE: Teachers are **not** permitted to score their own students' answer papers.

Scoring Key and Rating Guide

Printed copies of scoring keys and rating guides will not be sent to schools for the Regents Examinations. Instead, [scoring keys and rating guides](#) will be posted on the Department's website at approximately 11:00 a.m. for morning examinations and at approximately 3:00 p.m. for afternoon examinations. Schools must print sufficient copies to supply one to each rater.

All scoring keys and rating guides posted on the Department's website will be password-protected by two levels of password protection. In order to access the scoring keys and rating guides, schools will be required to enter the online examination request system (portal) using the same username and password that was used to order test materials.

All sample student essays in these rating guides are presented in the same cursive font while preserving actual student work, including errors. This will ensure that the sample essays are easier for raters to read and use as scoring aids.

Raters should continue to disregard the quality of a student's handwriting in scoring examination papers and focus on how well the student has accomplished the task. The content-specific rubric should be applied holistically in determining the level of a student's response.

The rating guide for the Regents Examination in Global History and Geography II contains:

- A specific scoring rubric for the Part II constructed-response questions (CRQs)
- A specific scoring rubric for the Part III enduring issues (EI) essay
- Prescored anchor papers at each essay score level, with commentary explaining why a particular student paper was awarded that specific score
- Prescored practice papers

The reliability of the scores is a fundamental concern in the measurement of the student's achievement. Therefore, each essay must be scored by *at least two* qualified teachers. **No teacher is to score any of the responses written by their own students.** The short-answer CRQs must be scored only once, by a qualified rater. Qualified raters include teachers of Grades 7–12 social studies and special

education teachers who are knowledgeable about the Global History and Geography II curriculum. Raters should have previously received some school-level, district-level, or regional training on scoring social studies essays and CRQs as part of the turnkey training process.

It is recommended that schools with a small number of qualified social studies raters form a consortium of teachers from several schools in order to score the answer papers.

Responsibilities of the Scoring Coordinator

In order to ensure reliable scoring, the principal of each high school administering the Regents Examination in Global History and Geography II must appoint a scoring coordinator who will:

- Form committees of no more than ten raters. Each committee must include raters of the CRQs and the EI essay and at least one rater to provide a third rating when required. Each rater must be assigned an identification letter.
- Complete the Rating Committee Sheet found in the Appendix.
- Manage the training and logistics of the scoring process.
- Provide task-specific training just prior to scoring, including reviewing the rating guide.
- Assign two teachers to rate each essay response independently, with a third teacher available to resolve discrepant scores. (A discrepant score is one that varies by more than one credit on a 5-credit rubric.) Only one rater is needed for the CRQs. If staffing is sufficient, separate teams of teachers should rate the EI essay. No teacher may rate the responses of their own students.

All scoring records must be kept for at least one year. This includes Rating Committee Sheets, Rating Sheets, and Record Sheets.

Organizing the Rating and Recording

Before student responses can be read and rated, each school must set up a procedure for collecting, arranging, and processing the answer papers and for maintaining records of the examination results. The procedure used in a particular school should be designed to produce a reliable score for each student, to facilitate maintenance of the school's records of each student's score, and to record the participation of each rater in the scoring process. A suggested procedure for managing the mechanics of the rating process is described on pages 3 through 5.

Scoring of Multiple-Choice Questions

Instructions for scoring the answer sheets must be developed locally and provided to the scoring coordinator for the examinations. Schools should be sure to check with their school district, regional information center, and/or large-city scanning center concerning the procedure to be followed. **If the students' responses to the multiple-choice questions are being hand scored prior to being scanned, the scorer must be careful not to make any marks on the front of the answer sheet except to record the scores in the designated score boxes. Marks elsewhere on the front of the answer sheet will interfere with the accuracy of the scanning.**

The student's score on Part I is the total number of questions that the student answers correctly.

Detailed Directions for Training Raters to Score Student Responses

In training raters to score student responses for Part II and Part III of these examinations, follow the procedures outlined below:

1. Introduction to the Task

The introduction to the task may take place once the administration of the examination has begun.

- a. Raters read the task.
- b. Raters identify the answers to the task.
- c. Raters discuss possible answers and summarize expectations for student responses.

2. *Introduction to the Specific Rubric and Anchor Papers* (Part III, only)

The introduction to the specific rubric and anchor papers may take place once the Uniform Statewide Admission Deadline has passed and the scoring key and rating guide have been obtained from the Department's website.

- a. Trainer leads review of specific rubric with reference to the task.
- b. Trainer reviews procedures for assigning holistic scores (i.e., by matching evidence from the response to the rubric).
- c. Trainer leads review of each anchor paper and commentary.

3. *Practice Scoring Individually* (Part III, only)

- a. Raters score the practice papers independently, without looking at the scores and commentaries provided for the sample responses.
- b. Trainer records scores and leads discussion of scoring criteria until raters feel confident enough to move on to actual rating.
- c. If additional practice is required to reach scoring consensus, trainer may use a sample of student answer papers from the current administration of the examination.

Suggested Rating Procedure

The following procedure is recommended for managing the mechanics of the rating process. A copy of the Rating Committee Sheet, the Rating Sheet, and the Record Sheet are included in the Appendix. Schools may print or photocopy as many copies as needed.

1. The person assigned as the coordinator of the rating process, or other designated representative(s), will be responsible for coordinating the movement of papers, calculating a final score for each student's essay, recording that information on the student's Part I answer sheet, determining the student's final score for the examination, and verifying that the rater names and letters are recorded on the student answer sheet.
2. Set up a system to record rater information on each student's answer sheet. Each student answer sheet includes a box labeled "Raters'/Scorers' Names" with the letters A–J. Each rater must be assigned a letter and the rater's name must be recorded on the answer sheet next to the letter that the rater has been assigned. There are also boxes next to each of the open-ended questions (CRQs and EI essay). The letter identifying the rater who scored a specific open-ended question must be filled in on the answer sheet. It is the responsibility of the school to develop procedures to ensure the accurate and efficient recording of rater information on each student answer sheet. Please be aware that recording this information will add some time to the scoring process. The coordinator should consider how best to accomplish this requirement during the school's scoring process. For example, if all teachers on a committee score CRQs, each one can place their name on each student's answer sheet when recording that question's score. Then only the essay raters' letters would need to be filled in when the essay scores are recorded.
3. Set aside one room as a central rating room for collecting, sorting, circulating, and storing answer sheets/essay booklets and for preparing and maintaining records for these examinations.
4. Allow time to provide training for all raters on scoring the specific task immediately before the rating of the students' responses (about 30–45 minutes per CRQ set and about 2 hours for the essay). It is strongly recommended that raters be trained on one document and score the responses associated with it, then be trained on the next document and score the responses, etc.

For Part II:

1. Arrange the test booklets according to a sequence, using whatever order is most convenient for the school, e.g., class period, alphabetically, or local identification number. Divide the test booklets into bundles of 20–25 booklets.
2. Each of the CRQs is to be scored by one rater who is not the student's social studies teacher.
3. The scores for each of the CRQs must be recorded in the student's examination booklet and on the student's answer sheet. The letter identifying the rater must also be recorded on the answer sheet.
4. Record the total Part II score on the student's Part I answer sheet.

For Part III:

1. Provide a suitable location for the rating of essays.
2. Provide adequate time for rating (3–5 minutes per response for each essay).
3. Arrange the essay booklets according to a sequence, using whatever order is most convenient for the school, e.g., class period, alphabetically, or local identification number. Divide the essay booklets into bundles of 20–25 papers. Beginning with the first paper in the sequence, enter each student's name on a copy of the Record Sheet (the master for duplicating appears in the Appendix).
4. Each essay **must** be scored by two qualified raters. (Only in the specific circumstance explained in step 8 below must some essays be scored by a third qualified teacher.) For each essay question, divide raters into two-person teams. Designate one team member as Rater 1 and the other as Rater 2.
5. Prepare a rating sheet for each bundle (see the sample rating sheet in the Appendix). After recording the students' names on the rating sheet, photocopy the rating sheet. Each rater will need a separate rating sheet for each bundle of 20–25 essay papers that they rate. The second rater must **not** be aware of the score assigned by the previous rater.
6. Distribute the bundles of essay papers to the rating teams, making sure that each rating team receives two rating sheets for each bundle of papers. Each rater on a team should rate one of the bundles and record their ratings on one of the rating sheets. The two raters should retain their own completed rating sheets and exchange bundles. The second rater should record their scores only on the second rating sheet. *No scores or corrections should be indicated on the essay papers.*
7. After each team has completed rating a bundle, the team should return those essay papers and their completed rating sheets to the central rating area. Remove the rating sheets completed by each rater from the bundles and enter the raters' letters and essay scores on the Record Sheet. Make sure that there are two independent ratings for each response. Enter those resolved scores in the appropriate columns on the Record Sheet.
8. Review the two scores for each student to determine if the student's scores for that essay are discrepant, i.e., a difference of more than one credit between the two scores. Remove the responses with discrepant scores and assemble them into separate bundles. Prepare new rating sheets listing the names of the students who authored those discrepant papers and attach each sheet to its corresponding bundle. Assign each of these bundles to another rater to obtain a third, independent rating of the students' responses. Make sure that the third rater is not one of the original two raters of that task and that the third rater has undergone the training for scoring that task.
9. After the necessary third ratings have been obtained, remove the rating sheets from the bundles of discrepant student responses. Enter the third rater's essay score and letter on the Record Sheet. Determine the resolved scores by using the method for resolving discrepant scores described on the next page. Enter the resolved scores in the appropriate columns on the Record Sheet.
10. Transfer the resolved scores to the appropriate spaces on the students' Part I answer sheets.
11. All Rating Sheets, Record Sheets, and Rating Committee Sheets used in scoring the social studies Regents Examinations must be kept for at least one year by the school where they were administered.

Schools are not permitted to rescore any of the open-ended questions (CRQs or EI essay) on these examinations after each question has been rated the required number of times as specified in the scoring materials, regardless of the final examination score. All open-ended questions should be rated using the procedures outlined in this booklet. Schools are required to ensure that the raw scores have been added correctly and that the resulting scale score has been determined accurately.

Method for Determining the Score for Each Essay

Two Ratings:

1. Compare the two ratings.
2. If the two ratings agree, the student receives that score.
3. If the two ratings are contiguous, average the two scores.
4. If the two ratings are not contiguous, a third rating is necessary.

Three Ratings:

1. Compare the three ratings.
2. If two of the three ratings agree, the student receives that score.
3. If the three ratings are different, the student receives the middle score.

Examples:

Rater 1 Letter A	Rater 2 Letter B	Rater 3 Score	Rater 3 Letter	Resolved Score*	Reason
2	2	—		2	Two ratings agree. Use that score.
2	3	—		2.5	Two ratings are contiguous. Average the two scores.
2	4	4	J	4	Two ratings are more than one point apart. Third rating is done. Two of the three ratings agree. Use that score.
2	4	3	J	3	Two ratings are more than one point apart. Third rating is done. Three ratings differ. Use the middle score.
0	1	—		0.5	Two ratings are contiguous. Average the two scores.

*Individual raters may *not* assign scores ending in .5 to an essay. Such scores are obtained only when two contiguous scores are averaged. Resolved scores must *not* be rounded up to the next whole number.

Entering Essay Scores on the Record Sheet

The examples below show how students' scores should be recorded on the Record Sheet.

Student's Name	Part III Essay Scores				
	Rater 1 Letter A	Rater 2 Letter B	Rater 3 Score	Rater 3 Letter	Resolved Score
<i>Student A</i>	4	4			4
<i>Student B</i>	0	1			0.5
<i>Student C</i>	3	5	4	J	4

Determining the Student's Final Examination Score

Machine Scoring

For machine scoring of the Part I multiple-choice questions, follow the procedures set up by the Regional Information Center, large-city scanning center, and/or school or district. On the back of the student's answer sheet, record the credits awarded for each of the Part II CRQs and the essay score for Part III. Each rater's/scorer's name must be recorded on the student answer sheet, and the rater's/scorer's code letter must be recorded for each open-ended question scored.

Hand Scoring

For hand scoring, record on the student's answer sheet the number of correct answers for the Part I multiple-choice questions, the credits awarded for each of the Part II CRQs, and the EI essay score for Part III. Add the total number of correct answers for Part I and the total credits for Part II CRQs together. Record this number on the answer sheet in the box provided. Write the essay score on the answer sheet in the space labeled "Total Part III Essay Score." Each rater's/scorer's name must be recorded on the student answer sheet, and the rater's/scorer's code letter must be recorded for each question scored.

If the determination of each student’s final examination score is being done by hand, use the [conversion chart](#) for this administration, which will be provided on the Department’s website. To determine the total score for Part I and Part II, add the total credits received for Part I and the total credits received for Part II. For example, a student answering 19 multiple-choice questions correctly on Part I and receiving 6 points on Part II would have a total score for Part I and Part II of 25. To determine the student’s final score, locate the student’s total essay score across the top of the chart and the total Part I and Part II score down the side of the chart. The point where those two scores intersect is the student’s final examination score. The format of each chart is illustrated below. Each chart provided will include scores from 0 to 100 within the cells of the chart. **It is crucial that, for each administration, only the conversion chart provided for that specific administration be used to determine the student’s final score. Never use a conversion chart from a previous exam.**

		Part III Essay Score										
		0	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5
Part I and Part II Score	0											
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When the teacher scoring committee completes the scoring process, test scores must be considered final and must be entered onto students' permanent records. In addition, each rater must sign the *Examination Scoring Certificate* to attest that they fully and faithfully observed the rules and regulations for scoring the examination. The principal must also sign the certificate to attest that the rules and regulations for scoring were fully and faithfully observed.

Principals and other administrative staff in a school or district do not have the authority to set aside the scores arrived at by the teacher scoring committee and rescore student examination papers or to change any scores assigned through the procedures described in this manual and in the [scoring materials](#) provided on the Department's website. Any principal or administrator found to have done so, except in the circumstances described below, will be in violation of Department policy regarding the scoring of State examinations. Teachers and administrators who violate Department policy with respect to scoring State examinations may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Sections 3020 and 3020-a of the Education Law or to action against their certification pursuant to Part 83 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

On rare occasions, an administrator may learn that an error occurred in the calculation of a final score for a student or in recording students' scores in their permanent records. For example, the final score may have been based on an incorrect summing of the student's raw scores for parts of the test or from a misreading of the conversion chart. When such errors involve the answer papers for no more than 5% of the school's test takers for the examination or five students, whichever is greater, and when they are detected within four months of the test date, the superintendent of a public school district or the chief administrative officer of a religious, independent, or charter school may arrange for the corrected score to be recorded in the student's permanent record. However, in all such instances, the superintendent or chief administrative officer must advise the Department in writing that the student's score has been corrected. The written notification to the Department must be signed by the superintendent or chief administrative officer and must include the initials or student identification numbers (at the discretion of the principal) of the students whose scores have been corrected, the examination title, the students' original and corrected scores, and a brief explanation of the nature of the scoring error that was corrected.

If an administrator has substantial reason to believe that the teacher scoring committee has failed to accurately score the answer papers for more than 5% of the school's test takers for the examination or five students, whichever is greater, or when errors are detected more than four months after the test date, the administrator must first obtain permission in writing from the Department before arranging for or permitting a rescoring of student papers. The written request to the Department must come from the superintendent of a public school district or the chief administrative officer of a religious, independent, or charter school and must include the examination title, date of administration, and number of students whose papers would be subject to such rescoring. This request must also include a statement explaining why the administrator believes that the teacher scoring committee failed to score appropriately and, thus, why they believe that rescoring the examination papers is necessary. As part of this submission, the school administrator must make clear their understanding that such extraordinary re-rating may be carried out only by a full committee of teachers constituted in accordance with the scoring guidelines presented above and fully utilizing the scoring materials for this examination provided by the Department.

The Department sometimes finds it necessary to notify schools of a revision to the scoring key and/or rating guide for an examination. Should this occur after the scoring committee has completed its work, the principal is authorized to have appropriate members of the scoring committee review students' responses only to the specific question(s) referenced in the notification and to adjust students' final examination scores when appropriate. Only in such circumstances is the school not required to notify or obtain approval from the Department before correcting students' final examination scores.

APPENDIX

Generic Scoring Rubric Enduring Issues Essay

Score of 5:

- Clearly identifies and accurately explains *one* enduring issue raised in *at least three* documents
- Develops an even, thoughtful, and in-depth argument about how an enduring issue has affected people *or* has been affected by them **and** how the issue continues to be an issue *or* has changed over time
- Is more analytical than descriptive
- Richly supports the task by incorporating relevant evidence that includes facts, examples, and details from *at least three* documents
- Richly supports the task by incorporating substantial relevant outside information
- Demonstrates a logical and clear plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion

Score of 4:

- Identifies and accurately explains *one* enduring issue raised in *at least three* documents
- Develops a thoughtful argument in some depth about how an enduring issue has affected people *or* has been affected by them **and** how the issue continues to be an issue *or* has changed over time *or* develops the argument somewhat unevenly by discussing one aspect of the argument more thoroughly than the other
- Is both descriptive and analytical
- Supports the task by incorporating relevant evidence that includes facts, examples, and details from *at least three* documents
- Supports the task by incorporating relevant outside information
- Demonstrates a logical and clear plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion

Score of 3:

- Identifies and explains *one* enduring issue raised in the set of documents
- Develops both aspects of the argument with little depth *or* develops only one aspect of the argument with some depth; may include minor inaccuracies
- Is more descriptive than analytical
- Includes some relevant evidence that includes facts, examples, and details from the documents
- Includes limited relevant outside information
- Demonstrates a satisfactory plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion

Score of 2:

- Identifies, but does not clearly explain, *one* enduring issue raised in the set of documents
- Minimally develops both aspects of the argument *or* develops one aspect of the argument with little depth; may include some inaccuracies
- Is primarily descriptive; may include faulty, weak, or isolated application or analysis
- Includes few relevant facts, examples, and details from the documents *or* consists primarily of relevant information copied from the documents
- Presents little or no relevant outside information
- Demonstrates a general plan of organization; may lack focus; may contain digressions; may lack an introduction *or* a conclusion

Score of 1:

- Identifies, but does not explain, *one* enduring issue raised in the set of documents
- Minimally develops one aspect of the argument; may include inaccuracies
- Is descriptive; may lack understanding or application
- Includes some vague, unclear references to the documents *or* includes minimal relevant facts, examples, and details copied from the documents; may include some inaccuracies
- Presents no relevant outside information
- May demonstrate a weakness in organization; may lack focus; may contain digressions; may lack an introduction *and* a conclusion

Score of 0:

Fails to develop the task or may only refer to the issue in a general way; *OR* includes no relevant facts, examples, or details; *OR* includes only evidence copied from the documents; *OR* includes only entire documents copied from the test booklet; *OR* is illegible; *OR* is a blank paper.

Rating Committee Sheet
Regents Examination in Global History and Geography II

Examination Date: _____
(Month/Year)

Date: _____

School: _____

Note: Each committee must include raters of the CRQs and the EI essay and at least one rater to provide a third rating to resolve discrepant essay scores.

Committee # _____

Assigned Letter	Rater's Name (Print)
A	
B	
C	
D	
E	
F	
G	
H	
I	
J	

Retain this form with examination scoring records for one year.

Make copies of this form as needed.

Rating Sheet

Regents Examination in Global History and Geography II

Examination Date: _____ Rater's Name: _____
(Month/Year)

Rater's Committee #: _____ Rater's Letter: _____

Rater's Number: 1 2 3 (circle one)

Part III Essay

School: _____

Date: _____

Student's Name	Essay Score
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Record Sheet

Regents Examination in Global History and Geography II

Examination
Date: _____

(Month/Year)

School: _____

District: _____

Student's Name	Part III Essay Scores				Resolved Score
	Rater 1 Letter _____	Rater 2 Letter _____	Rater 3 Score	Rater 3 Letter	
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