

United States History and the Constitution Item Types and Descriptions

Overview:

The test consists of machine scored items that may include selected-response, multi-select, evidence-based selected-response, technology-enhanced, and technology-enhanced constructed-response. All items are worth 1 score point.

Selected-Response:

Students select one response from four possible answer choices. Students demonstrate their knowledge by selecting the one correct answer.

Multi-Select:

Students will be prompted to select two correct responses from five answer choices to demonstrate their knowledge. To receive one score point for a correct response, students must select both correct answer choices and only the correct answer choices.

Evidence-Based Selected-Response (EBSR):

EBSR items have two parts. Part A requires students to select one correct response based on given information. Part B requires students to select evidence or reasoning that supports the response in Part A or draw a skills-based conclusion that continues from the response Part A. To receive one score point for a correct response, students must answer both parts of the item correctly.

Technology-Enhanced:

Drag and Drop: Students select pre-defined draggable entities that can be configured to be used once or multiple times and place them in a specific location to answer the question. Students may group or sequence selectable entities into tables, charts, graphic organizers, etc. to demonstrate their knowledge. To receive one score point for a correct response, students must correctly place all answer choices.

Hot Spot: Students interact with selectable objects to demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and abilities to answer a question. Selectable objects include whole, or parts of images or charts and highlighted text to provide evidence to answer a question. To receive one score point for a correct response, students must correctly select all answer choices.

Technology-Enhanced Constructed-Response:

Drop-Down Menu: Students demonstrate their knowledge by selecting a predefined word, phrase, or number to construct one or more sentences, complete a chart or table, and/or justify a claim. Each drop-down menu is prepopulated with a blank space; the student then selects from options. Multiple drop-down menus may be included within one item. To receive one score point for a correct response, students must select the correct answer from all drop-down choices.