

## Social Studies II Provincial Exam Essay Questions

Here is a list of past exam essay questions that you should prepare for.

### **HISTORY**

1. *“Despite British and American influences, Canada has evolved into an autonomous nation.” Evaluate this statement using examples from 1914 to 2000.*
2. *To what extent was the Canadian government successful in its attempts to deal with the Depression? Your answer should consider both sides of the statement.*
3. *Explain how intolerance has been an issue in Canada since 1914.*
4. *Discuss how Canada changed as a result of World War One.*
5. *Explain the political, social and economic impact of World War One on Canada.*
6. *To what extent did World War One and World War Two have a negative impact on the Canadian home front? Use examples from between 1914-1918 and 1939-1945. Both sides of the argument must be addressed.*
7. *“Canada has created a welfare state that benefits every man, woman and child from cradle to grave.” Evaluate this statement using examples from the period 1914 to the year 2000. Your answer should consider both sides of the statement.*

#### **United Nations Mandate**

- *to keep world peace and prevent the outbreak of new wars*
- *to encourage friendly relations among nations*
- *to abolish disease and famine*
- *to protect human rights*

8. *To what extent has the United Nations been successful in fulfilling its mandate? Your answer should consider both the successes and the failures of the United Nations.*
9. *Explain how Canada’s identity has been shaped as a result of its involvement in international affairs from 1914 to 2000.*
10. *Evaluate the development of French Canadian and English Canadian relations from throughout the period 1914 to 2000.*
11. *To what extent has the Canadian government been successful in protecting Canada from American influence? Use examples from 1914-2000.*
12. *Explain how Canadians at home contributed to the Allied victories during World War One and World War Two.*
13. *Describe Canada’s participation in the United Nations organization from 1945-2000.*
14. *To what extent did Canada play a significant role in Cold War Events? Use examples from the period 1945-1990*
15. *Explain how Canadians responded to the Great Depression. (include political, social and economic examples)*
16. *Discuss Canada’s involvement in international organizations from 1945-2000. (Tricky question because you can also discuss how Canada was involved in international events as well!)*
17. *Explain Canada’s changing role in armed conflicts from 1914-2000.*

18. Explain how Canadians at home contributed to the allied effort during World War One and World War Two.  
**GEOGRAPHY**

1. Explain the effects of overpopulation in developing countries.
2. Explain the obstacles that developing nations face in becoming developed nations.
3. Describe realistic strategies that Canadians could take to reduce their negative impact on land, water and the atmosphere.
4. "Earth's average surface temperature will increase by 1.4 to 5.8 degrees Celsius by the year 2100." Discuss the impact of global warming on Canada.
5. Discuss the impact of humans on the global environment.
6. Explain the political, social, and economic challenges in finding solutions to environmental threats that affect Canadians. All three aspects of the questions must be addressed.
7. Explain the obstacles facing many developing countries as they attempt to improve their standard of living.

Use the following information to answer question 8

- a. The population explosion is not uniform
  - b. Some countries' populations are in the process of exploding, others are merely expanding
  - c. Some countries will suffer more extreme problems as a result of overpopulation
  - d. Others will actually suffer economically as a result of the decrease in population growth
8. Explain the **strategies** developing and developed nations have used to deal with their population problems. (4 strategies for developed and 4 strategies for developing countries)
  9. Explain the political, economic and social factors that prevent some developing countries from improving their standards of living.

Between 1994-2000, Canada was ranked the top country in the world in which to live, according to the United Nations Human Development Index. Since then, it has consistently been in the top six of the rankings.

10. Explain the key factors that have allowed Canada to enjoy such a high standard of living compared to nations in the developing world. Your answer must refer to both Canada and the developing world.
11. To what extent is overpopulation the main cause of poverty in the developing world? Both sides of the argument must be addressed to receive full marks.
12. Explain how Canadians can better manage freshwater.
13. Explain the challenges that developing countries in Africa face in their attempts to provide a higher standard of living.
14. Evaluate the following statement. Education is the most important factor in moving a country from developing to developed status.