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Graduate Institute of American Studies
Entrance Exam
American History

Instructions: THIS COMPONENT OF THE ENTRANCE EXAM EXAMINES YOUR HISTORICAL KNOWLEDGE, AND IN SOME CASES PERMITS YOU TO EXPRESS YOUR OPINION. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT PROPER SPELLING AND APPROPRIATE ENGLISH ARE VERY IMPORTANT. MOREOVER, YOU SHOULD PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO HISTORICAL DATES BECAUSE HISTORY WITHOUT REFERENCE TO DATES IS VIRTUALLY MEANINGLESS. PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING FOUR QUESTIONS AS FULLY & COMPLETELY AS YOU CAN WITH SIGNIFICANT REFERENCE TO HISTORICAL FACTS, DATES, DETAILS, IDEAS, AND PERSONALITIES INVOLVED. IN OTHER WORDS, YOU WILL BE WRITING SHORT, BUT WELL-DEVELOPED ESSAYS FOR EACH QUESTION. (TOTAL POINTS = 100)

1. When Thomas Jefferson wrote his first draft of the American Declaration of Independence, he said people have "certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and property." But later, when he revised his final version, he changed his words to say people have "certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Why do you think Jefferson changed his wording? Explain. (20 pts)
2. Considering the global protests and demonstrations against George Bush launching a war against Iraq, and given the fact that the United Nations (UN) refused to support such a war, explain how & why the USA now finds itself fully engaged in a war with Iraq. (30 pts)
3. What are the reasons why Bin Laden and Al-Qaeda attacked the United States? What's your opinion about these alleged reasons? Don't forget to include the full historical details of the event now commonly known as "911". (25 pts)
4. What was the Watergate Crisis all about during the Nixon administration? Explain. (25 pts)