**Analyze political and social continuities and changes in Islamic empires from 632-1258.**

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| *Historical skills and knowledge required* |
| 1. **THESIS/CLAIM 1 Point**   * Responds to the prompt with a historically defensible thesis/claim that establishes a line of reasoning. * To earn this point, the thesis must make a claim that responds to the prompt rather than restating or rephrasing the prompt. The thesis must consist of one or more sentences located in one place, either in the introduction or the conclusion.   2. **Contextualization 2 Points**   * Explain how a relevant context influenced a specific historical development or process. * Use context to explain the relative historical significance of a specific historical development or process.   3. **Continuity and Change 3 Points**   * Describe and explain patterns of continuity and/or change over time. Explain the significance of specific developments in relation to a larger pattern of continuity and/or change.   4. **Causation 2 points**   * Describe causes or effects of a specific historical development or process. * Explain the relationship between causes and effects of a specific historical development or process. * Explain the difference between primary and secondary causes and between short- and long-term effects. * Explain the relative historical significance of different causes and/or effects.   5. **Historical Evidence 2 points**   * To earn two points the response must use specific historical evidence to support an argument in response to the prompt.   6. **Style 1 Point**   * *Essay contains a minimum of five paragraphs* * *Must include introduction and conclusion paragraphs* * *Use of topic sentences* |
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**TOTAL 11 Points**

**11** = 50/50, **10** = 47/50, **9**=45/50, **8**=43/50, **7**=40/50, **6**=37/50, **5**=32/50, **4**=28/50, **3**=25/50, **2**= 23/50, **1**= 20/50