SECTIONALISM & SECESSION

DIRECTIONS: Read the questions carefully and write your responses in the corresponding boxes on the free-response answer sheet. While you are not required to develop and support a thesis statement, you must use complete sentences. An outline format or bulleted list alone is not acceptable.

"Come on then, Gentlemen of the Slave States. Since there is no escaping your challenge, I accept it in behalf of the cause of freedom. We will engage in competition for the virgin soil of Kansas, and God give the victory to the side which is stronger in numbers as it is in right."

<div align="right">Senator William H. Seward (New York), 1854</div>

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"We are playing for a mighty stake. The game must be played boldly. . . . We are organizing. We will be compelled to shoot, burn and hang, but the thing will soon be over. We intend to Mormonize the Abolitionists. If we win we can carry slavery to the Pacific ocean. There are eleven hundred men coming over from Platte County to vote . . . and if that ain't enough we can send five thousand—enough to kill every goddamned abolitionist in the Territory."

<div align="right">Senator David Rice Atchison (Missouri), 1855</div>

1. Using the excerpts above and your knowledge of United States history, answer parts a, b, and c.

    a) Briefly explain the historical event reflected by Seward's and Atchison's statements.

    b) Provide ONE specific historical episode which contributed to circumstances causing Seward's and Atchison's remarks.

    c) Provide ONE specific historical episode which resulted from conditions expressed in the excerpts.

Four "short-answer" questions appear on the APUSH National Exam. You are permitted a 40-minute period to answer three (restricted choice). Collectively, they comprise 20% of your final exam score.

Write your response to SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION 1 on this page within the box. Use BLUE or BLACK pen only.

End of response area for Q1.