



## ANSWERS

PART A: Your efforts might differ slightly from the examples below. That's ok.

1. 'Thinking' involves emotions, images, abstract concepts, and raw intelligence. Computers cannot experience emotions, and they have difficulty with abstract concepts and images, but their raw computing power outstrips our own.
2. The American state is formed by institutions, agencies and establishments distributed among legislative, executive, and judicial branches.
3. The Mongol empire's disintegration was a function of changing loyalties, factionalism and civil war.

PART B:

4. In order to answer this question we need to define our key terminology and consider any assumptions underlying the question. (CUT)
5. For decades, neocolonialism has been the subject of much study by scholars. (MODIFY, eg: 'Neocolonialism was a term originally deployed by Marxists, but post-Cold War, the scope of its condemnation has expanded to include left-wing regimes and conservatism.')
6. By asking what price the US pays for its exceptionalism, this question assumes that the US is indeed exceptional. (KEEP)
7. Is the presidency the illusion of choice? The question though concise leads to a series of ongoing questions highlighting its ambiguity. This in turn intensifies the difficulty of answering the question, where do I begin? (CUT)

8. I argue that a misplaced focus on comparing the American state to European states has led to inaccurate claims of apparent weakness. Not only was the American state *not* weak from its birth, but it has only grown in strength. (KEEP)
9. Throughout history, there has been strong and continuous debate about how the landscape is shaped by human activity. (MODIFY, eg: 'The term 'Anthropocene' is popular but problematic, because it blames the entire human race for the crisis caused by relatively few corporations.')

PART C: Swap your efforts with a friend and consider each other's work. Is the argument clear? Could you guess the essay question from that paragraph alone? Can you decipher the handwriting?