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This excerpt is from the *Condition of the Working Class in England in 1844* by Friedrich Engels. In it he criticizes capitalism.

People regard each other only as useful objects; each exploits the other, and the end of it all is, that the stronger treads the weaker under foot, and that the powerful few, the capitalists, seize everything for themselves, while to the weak . . . the poor, scarcely a bare existence remains.

What are Engels' criticisms of capitalism? _____

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Here is an excerpt from the *Communist Manifesto* written by Marx and Engels in 1848.

The Communists . . . openly declare that their ends can be attained [gained] only by the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions. Let the ruling classes tremble at a communist revolution. The proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win. Working men of all countries, unite!

What solution to the evils of capitalism did Marx and Engels recommend? _____

◆ Part B—Essay

How were the evils of the Industrial Revolution addressed in England in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries?



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The following excerpt is from Adam Smith's *The Wealth of Nations*, 1776.

The sole purpose of all production is to provide the best possible goods to the consumer at the lowest possible price. Society should assist producers of goods and services only to the extent that assisting them benefits the consumer . . . he intends his own gain; and he is in this, as in many other cases, led by an invisible hand to promote an end which was no part of his intention . . . By pursuing his own interest, he frequently promotes that of the society. . . .

According to Adam Smith, what should the role of the government be in the economy?

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This excerpt is from the Chartist petition to Parliament in 1838.

May it please your honorable house, to take our petition into your most serious consideration and . . . to have a law passed, granting to every male of lawful age . . . the right of voting for members of parliament, and . . . elections of members of parliaments to be by secret ballot. . . .

What were two changes suggested by the Chartists?

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