FREE-RESPONSE QUESTION

Document-Based Question (DBQ):
suggested reading time – 10 minutes; suggested writing time – 40 minutes

For the DBQ, be sure that you:
• use all of the documents
• use evidence from the documents to support your thesis
• analyze the documents by grouping them in at least two or three appropriate ways
• consider the source of the document and analyze the author's point of view
• explain the need for at least one additional document

1. Based on the following documents, analyze the relationships that developed between Muslims and non-Muslims as a result of the spread of Islam from its origins on the Arabian Peninsula in the 7th century CE until 1450 CE. Explain how another type of document would help you analyze the effects of the spread of Islam.
Document 1

Source: Abu al-Biruni, a Muslim scholar and traveler to India, describing Sultan Mahmud’s 11th century invasions of India

Mahmud marched into India during a period of thirty years and more....Mahmud utterly ruined the prosperity of the country, and performed there wonderful exploits, by which the Hindus became like atoms of dust scattered in all directions... Their scattered remains cherish, of course, the most inveterate aversion towards all Muslims...

...the Hindus believe that there is no country but theirs, no nation like theirs, no kings like theirs, no religion like theirs, no science like theirs. They are haughty, foolishly vain, self conceited, and stolid.

Document 2

Source: Habib ibn Muslama, Muslim military commander responsible for the Umayyad conquest of Christian territory in Armenia

In the name of Allah, the compassionate, the merciful. This is a statement from Habib ibn Muslama to the inhabitants of Tiflis...securing them safety for their lives, churches, convents, religious services and faith, provided they acknowledge their humiliation and pay tax to the amount of one dinar on every.... You owe us counsel and support against the enemies of Allah and his Prophet to the utmost of your ability, and are bound to entertain the needy Muslim for one night and provide him with that food used by “the people of the Book” and which it is legal for us to partake of. If a Muslim is cut off from his companions and falls into your hands, you are bound to deliver him to the nearest body of the “Believers,” unless something stands in your way. If you return to the obedience of Allah and observe prayer, you are our brethren in faith, otherwise poll-tax is incumbent on you...

Document 3

Source: Firez Shah Tughluq, ruler of the Delhi Sultanate in India from 1351 CE to 1388 CE

The Hindus and idol-worshippers had agreed to pay the money for toleration, and had consented to the poll tax, in return for which they and their families enjoyed security. These people now erected new idol temples in the city and the environs in opposition to the Law of the Prophet which declares that such temples are not to be tolerated. Under Divine guidance I destroyed these edifices, and I killed those leaders of infidelity who seduced others into error, and the lower orders I subjected to whipping and chastisement, until the abuse was entirely abolished.
**Document 4**

Source: Pope Urban II, a description of actions taken by the Muslim Seljuk Turks

From the confines of Jerusalem and from the city of Constantinople, a grievous report has gone forth and has been brought repeatedly to our ears; namely, that a race from the kingdom of the Persians, an accursed race, a race wholly alienated from God...has violently invaded the lands of those Christians and has depopulated them by pillage and fire... This royal city [Jerusalem], situated at the center of the earth, is now held captive by the enemies of Christ and is subjected, by those who do not know God, to the worship of the heathen... When an armed attack is made upon the enemy, let this one cry be raised by all the soldiers of God: “It is the will of God! It is the will of God!”

**Document 5**

Source: Benjamin of Tudela, a Jewish traveler from northern Spain, describing Baghdad during his visit there in the 12th century CE

In Baghdad there are about forty thousand Jews, and they dwell in security, prosperity, and honor under the great Caliph, and among them are great sages, the heads of academies engaged in the study of the Law... There are twenty-eight Jewish synagogues, situated either in the city itself or in al-Karkh on the other side of the Tigris...

**Document 6**

Source: Emur Mansur, a Mamluk governor of Egypt in the 13th century CE, describing his expectations for a hospital to be built with his personal wealth

...the hospital shall keep all patients, men and women, until they are completely recovered. All costs are to be borne by the hospital, whether the people come from afar or near, whether they are residents or foreigners, strong or weak, low or high, rich or poor, employed or unemployed, blind or sighted, physically or mentally ill, learned or illiterate. There are no conditions or consideration of payment; none is objected to, even indirectly, for non-payment. The entire service is through the magnificence of Allah, the generous one.”

**Document 7**

Source: Ibn al-Qalansi, an Islamic historian at the battle of Damascus during the Second Crusade, 1148 CE

When they met eye to eye, the infidels [Western European Christians] made their famous charge upon the Muslims, but the Muslims split up into detachments which attacked them from various directions and swarmed over them... When the haze was dispersed, God, to whom be praise and thanks, had bestowed upon the Muslims the victory over the Christians and they lay upon the ground prostrate...