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Question 7

Analyze the development of the various forms of European socialism in the 1800s.

9–8 Points

- The essay provides a sophisticated thesis that addresses the question.
- The organization is clear.
- The essay is well balanced and deals with at least TWO forms of socialism.
- All major assertions are supported by at least TWO pieces of relevant evidence.
- The essay may contain some minor errors.

7–6 Points

- The essay provides a good thesis that addresses the question.
- The organization is clear.
- The essay is balanced with at least TWO forms of socialism discussed.
- All major assertions are supported by at least ONE piece of evidence.
- The essay may contain an error.

5–4 Points

- The essay provides an adequate thesis OR just restates the question.
- The organization is unbalanced and not necessarily effective. The essay feels like a Marx paper or a Louis Blanc essay.
- Assertions are supported by ONE piece of relevant evidence.
- The narrative is mostly factual, with little analysis.
- The essay may contain a few errors of fact or interpretations that detract from the argument.

3–2 Points

- There is no thesis or the thesis just restates the question.
- The essay is poorly organized and ineffective.
- The essay is off task and mostly irrelevant.
- The essay shows serious imbalance.
- Vague general statements are made with little factual support.
- There are major errors.

1–0 Points

- There is no thesis.
- The organization is poor.
- The essay is off task and nonresponsive to the question.
- The statements are general, vague and simplistic.
- There is little evidence of understanding.
- The essay contains major errors.

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Question 7—Historical Background Notes

The evolution of European socialism in the 1800s is a mainstream theme covered in all the texts. The better essays will demonstrate an understanding of the movement from utopian socialism to that of practical socialism. While Marx had a major influence on European socialism in the 19th century, the prompt is not just about radical Marxism. The essays that receive higher scores will deal with multiple aspects of the European socialist movement.

As large-scale industrialization gradually transformed the agricultural economy and society in Western Europe, the 1830s and the 1840s brought heated discussion, lively debates and startling transformations in thought. The rapid increase in wage labor influenced the emergence of new political forces that, proclaiming the equality of all people, sought dramatic social and political change. One of the most powerful results of the growing preoccupation with the condition of workers was the birth of the movement known as socialism. In Europe in the 19th century, socialism focused on worker equality, equitable pay scales and, perhaps most important, humane living and working conditions. Over time, especially after 1871, European socialism became politicized, evolving into mass party movements.

Utopian socialists, most of whom were French, provided an original critique of the changes brought by the Industrial Revolution. The name "utopian" reflects their dreams of creating a perfectly harmonious way of life. This philosophy accentuated their determination to put forward demands for political and social reform.

- Count Claude-Henri de Saint-Simon (1760–1825) proposed a "religion of humanity" dedicated to alleviating the inhumane conditions of France's working poor. In 1820 Saint-Simon published a provocative parable, wondering what would happen if all France's nobles, churchmen, princes and princesses drowned in a terrible shipwreck. Saint-Simon's conclusion argued that the French proletariat was far more essential for the good of the country and their loss would be disastrous.
- Charles Fourier (1772–1837) claimed that there were 810 distinct personality types. Fourier proposed that they be organized into "phalanx" worker communities of 1,620 people, channeling the passions of each person into socially productive ways.
- Étienne Cabet (1788–1856) was the most popular and well known of the French utopian socialists. His novel *Voyage to Icaria* (1840) imagined an imaginary city of wide streets, clean urinals and social harmony, a vision of organized economic and social life so attractive that even the bourgeoisie would be converted peacefully to the principles of cooperation and association.
- Robert Owen (1771–1858) built a mill in New Lanark, Scotland. He provided decent housing for his workers and established schools for children. Owen also believed in the emancipation of women.

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Question 7 — Historical Background Notes (continued)

Practical socialists tended to have a less idealist view of the perfect socialist world and worked toward the implementation of socialism in the here and now. While utopian socialists often embraced the nonviolent transformation of European societies, practical socialists tended to be much more militant in their methods. Many practical socialists saw the bourgeoisie as a physical enemy because they possessed capital, unfairly taken from the working class.

- Flora Tristan (1801–1844) campaigned against women's inequality within marriage and before the law. Linking feminism and socialism, she campaigned for female emancipation with passionate speeches.
- Louis Blanc (1811–1882) based his socialist model on universal suffrage where workers could increase their influence on governments. Blanc also believed the state should guarantee workers the "right to work."
- Louis Proudhon (1809–1865) looked not to strengthen the state through worker suffrage, but rather to destroy the state. Proudhon argued the very existence of the state was due to capitalism, and therefore the state was instrumental in the exploitation of workers. In 1840 Proudhon published a fiery and provocative pamphlet that answered the question "What is property?" with the resounding reply "Theft!" Preaching the abolition of the state and destruction of all private property, Proudhon had enormous influence on Marx and future Russian socialists.
- Karl Marx (1818–1883) read the utopian and practical socialist commentaries and found them "unscientific." Marx thus was one of the first to advocate "scientific socialism," basing much of his theory on the dialectical stages of Friedrich Hegel (1770–1831.) Marx was an advocate of the ultraviolent proletariat revolution. Marx would befriend another German socialist, Friedrich Engels. Together they championed the need to destroy the modern capitalist state and to replace it with utopian communism.

Out of the philosophy of European socialism grew various socialist political parties, some violent, some not. With the growth of mass politics in the final quarter of the 19th century, European socialism became both radicalized and politicized.

- The British Labor Party was founded in 1893 by James Keir Hardie.
- The French Workers Party was founded in 1883.
- The German Socialist Party (SPD) was founded in 1875 as many German socialists rejected Marx's cry for violent revolution. Eduard Bernstein (1850–1932) trumpeted the need for German socialists to reject violence and to instead work within the German political system for labor reform. His seminal work *Evolutionary Socialism* (1898) galvanized a continent, setting the precedent for democratic socialism throughout Europe well into the 20th century.
- The Italian Socialist Party was founded in 1892.
- The Russian Social Democratic Labor Party was founded in 1898 in Minsk and was the parent organization for both the Russian Bolsheviks and the Russian Mensheviks.

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Sample: 7A Score: 9

This essay provides a thorough and sophisticated thesis. It includes a magnificent discussion of utopian socialism, with three major examples. It also includes an insightful discussion on the development of Marxism, with at least two major examples. In addition, the treatment of revisionism and the origins of democratic socialism is impressive. The paragraph on evolutionary socialism is especially good.

Sample: 7B Score: 4

The thesis of this essay is only partially correct. There is a major interpretive error in the discussion relating Malthus to socialism. The essay includes good discussions of Owen and Blanc. Only one form of socialism is discussed since both Owen and Blanc were utopian socialists. The thesis is too weak and the discussion of Malthus is not relevant. However, the discussion of Owen and Blanc is substantive, which is why the essay earned a score of 4.

Sample: 7C Score: 3

This essay provides no thesis. It does contain an adequate, relevant discussion of Marx. The second paragraph is off task, providing an irrelevant discussion of Russia. Too much of the essay is off task to merit a higher score.