Address ALL of the following essay questions/topics. Please number your answers and include your section at the top. This MUST be typed. DO NOT handwrite this into a blue book. See syllabus for formatting requirements for typed assignments. Each essay is worth 25 points for a total of 100 points on this portion of the exam.

1. Discuss the relative advantages of both the British and Patriot forces during the American Revolution. Be sure to include a discussion of how these advantages played out in reality. In other words, how is it when it looked as though the British held every advantage at the outset of the conflict that the Patriots defeated the mighty British Empire?

2. Discuss the factors that contributed to the convening of the Constitutional Convention in 1787 that eventually led to the drafting and ratifying of the United States Constitution. Be sure to include a discussion of the major flaws of the previous government charter under the Articles of Confederation.

3. Discuss the perpetuation and expansion of black slavery in the United States between 1776 and 1820.

4. Discuss the rise of the first two political parties in the United States (Federalists and Democratic Republicans). Be certain you note significant differences between these parties and discuss the reasons for and implications of these distinctions.