**IB HISTORY**

**TYPES OF QUESTIONS**

**“TO WHAT EXTENT…” QUESTIONS**

A “To what extent…” question is probably the most familiar IB question.

*For what reasons, and to what extent, did attempts to achieve collective security between 1919 and 1939 fail?*

The most basic and simplistic response will have a thesis with either a “full extent” or “limited extent” that examines only the factors listed in the question. This is fine, as long as your evidence supports this assertion. However, a “to what extent” question response can usually be made richer by providing a more middle ground thesis statement that allows you to compare and contrast other factors in your response.

**HOW TO UNPACK THIS QUESTION**

1. **Always define the terms of the question.**

Collective security failed between 1919 and 1939 because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. **Correlation. Here you examine the role of different factors to help answer your question.**

What attempts at collective security were made between 1919 and 1939?

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What were reasons for collective security failure between 1919 and 1939?

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Did collective security have any successes? It is very important to examine outside factors that are not explicity stated in the question.

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1. **Write your thesis**. Was one attempt more important than others during the time? Were there any significant failures? Examine the factors you have listed and write a thesis statement. Remember a rich, sophisticated thesis will provide factors or issues from outside the question.

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| **Thesis:** |