

## SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

### ASSIGNMENT 3: Reading Thematic Maps

Maps provide much useful information about how geography can influence historical events and developments. Many of the maps presented in the text show topographical features such as rivers and mountains, as well as political boundaries. Some have also given information about trade routes.

However, there are other kinds of maps that give valuable information about population, natural resources, rainfall, and crop production. Maps that provide this kind of specialized information are called thematic maps.

**Purpose:** to practice reading thematic maps.

#### Procedure

- 1). Take a good first look at the map on the other side of the page.
- 2). Then using the map complete the following three steps:

- a. **Decide what is shown on the map. On a thematic map, the key tells you what the symbols mean.** i). What do the areas shaded purple represent? ii). What do the red squares represent? iii). What other information is given on the map?
- b. **Practice reading the information on the map.** i). Name two cities on the map with populations of 300,000 or over. ii). Name two cities with populations of 100,000 to 300,000. iii). Which cities with populations over 300,000 were located near iron and coal resources? iv). Which large cities were probably ports?
- c. **Draw conclusions about a historical event or development.** i). What relationship does the map show between areas with coal and iron resources and those with large cities? ii). What areas of Britain were probably the most industrialized?

