**Part D. Read the following theses of recognized historians on causes of the industrial revolution in England. For each, list three bits of historical evidence that would support the interpretation.**

1. “Probably the most important factor of all was the flexibility of the English social and political system.”

Source: T. Walter Wallbank et al., *Civilization: Past and Present,* Vol. 2 5th ed. (Glenview, IL: Scott, Foresman, 1985), p. 503.

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2. “By increasing productivity and at the same time releasing part of the agricultural labor force for jobs off the farm, the agricultural revolution was assisting the industrial revolution.”

Source: Crane Brinton et al., *A History of Civilization,* Vol. II, 3rd ed. (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, Inc. 1967) p. 9.

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3. The industrial revolution could not have taken place if improved transportation facilities had not made it possible to bring coal and raw materials to new factories having steam-operated machinery and to carry away the finished products.”

Source: J. Russel Major, *The Western World: Renaissance to the Present (*Philadelphia, PA: JP Lippincott, 1966), p. 523.

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4. Industrial progress has not proceeded everywhere at an equal pace, some countries undergoing this process earlier and more intensely. Great Britain was the pioneer, the first country in the world in which the industrial sector of economy came to outweigh the agricultural one in terms of manpower employed and value of goods produced.”

Source: William Langer et al. *Western Civilization: The Struggle for empire to Europe in the Modern World* (New York: American Publishing Company, 1968), p. 318.

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