These prompts are, in general form, the sorts of essay questions (and strategies for addressing them) that students will encounter and develop responses to in history courses at MBA.

II. PROMPTS—

A. Evaluate or assess the Validity of this statement. . .
First, to answer a validity prompt, one must take a strong stand on one side of the prompt.
If one agreed with the prompt, one would use evidence to support the statement in the prompt.
If one disagreed, one would use contrasting evidence to refute the prompt.
One should also take a limited view of contrasting evidence and to disprove it for one's increased support of their own evidence.

B. Change Over Time
To answer a change over time prompt, one should present the initial conditions and show how the major areas evolved through the time period.

C. To What Extent . . .
To answer an extent prompt, one should take a strong stand for a greater extent or lesser extent in one's essay.
By including equal amounts of evidence for both sides, the strength of the essay is diminished. One must take a stand.

D. Compare and Contrast
In a compare and contrast prompt, one should focus on the similarities and the differences of the major aspects of the prompt.
In one's essay, one should concentrate on including enough evidence for comparison and contrasting to fully answer the prompt.
One needs to be consistent with one's thesis to have a constant train of logic.

E. Cause and Effect
In a cause and effect essay, one should concentrate on various events and illustrate the effects of these events.

F. Discuss or Assess the Impact of . . .
In a discuss the impact essay, one needs to focus on the results of the given event.

G. Relative Importance/degree
The first priority in a relative importance prompt is to develop evidence for the contributing factors. One then must create a hierarchy, or a categorization of the evidence by significance, for the contributing factors.