Samuel Adams “American Independence”

Comprehension Questions

1. According to Samuel Adams, what is Britain’s sole purpose in her promise to “protect” the colonies?
2. In what ways has Britain treated the colonies as “…beasts of burden”?
3. What is one reason that Adams gives for the impossibility of the colonies continuing their alliance to Great Britain?
4. (A) Identify an example of ethos, logos and pathos in Adams’ speech.

(B) Which do you think would be the most persuasive to you if you were a colonist? Explain.