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INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Written examination

Tuesday 18 November 2003

Reading time: 1.30 pm to 1.45 pm (15 minutes)

Writing time: 1.45 pm to 3.45 pm (2 hours)

QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

Structure of book

<i>Section</i>	<i>Number of questions</i>	<i>Number of questions to be answered</i>	<i>Number of marks</i>	<i>Suggested times (minutes)</i>
A	2	2	10	12
B	3	3	24	28
C	3	1	33	40
D	3	1	33	40
			Total 100	120

- Students are permitted to bring into the examination room: pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers.
 - Students are NOT permitted to bring into the examination room: blank sheets of paper and/or white out liquid/tape.
 - No calculator is allowed in this examination.
- Materials supplied**
- Question and answer book of 18 pages.
 - A script book is available from the supervisor if required.
- Instructions**
- Write your **student number** in the space provided above on this page and on the front cover of any script book used.
 - All written responses must be in English.
- At the end of the examination**
- If a script book is used, place it inside the front cover of this question and answer book.

Students are NOT permitted to bring mobile phones and/or any other electronic communication devices into the examination room.

SECTION A – Short-answer questions

Instructions for Section A
Answer **both** questions in the spaces provided.

Question 1

In international law, a sovereign state is independent and free from all external control, governs its own territory, selects its own political, economic and social systems, and has the power to enter into treaties with other nation states.

New Grolier Encyclopaedia

- a. List **two** ways in which the sovereignty of any nation state can be threatened.

2 marks

- b. Explain **how one** of these threats could undermine the sovereignty of a nation state.

Threat _____

Explanation _____

2 marks

- c. List **two** ways in which nation states may attempt to protect their sovereignty.

2 marks

Question 2

Select **two** of the following terms and explain how each is used in the study of international relations.

National security

Alliance

Diplomacy

Globalisation

Term _____

Explanation _____

Term _____

Explanation _____

2 + 2 = 4 marks

Total 10 marks

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SECTION B – Short-answer questions

Instructions for Section B
Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

Question 1

... it is quite clear from Soviet theory and practice that the [Soviet Union] seeks to bring the free world under its dominion by methods of the cold war.

NSC-68, Report to the US National Security Council, April 1950

- a. List **two** characteristics that were used to classify a nation state as a member of the ‘free world’ during the Cold War.

2 marks

- b.
 - i. Name **two** events **after 1945** that the United States used to justify its argument that the Soviet Union was aggressive.

- ii. Explain how the United States presented the Soviet Union as aggressive in regard to **one** of these events.

- iii. Describe the United States’ response to this event.

2 + 3 + 3 = 8 marks

Question 2

In your course this year you have compared the nature of international conflict in the Cold War and post-Cold War periods.

Name the **two** conflicts that you will use to answer the following questions.

Cold War conflict _____

Post-Cold War conflict _____

a. Outline **one** difference **or one** similarity between the causes of these two conflicts.

3 marks

b. Outline **one** difference **or one** similarity between the methods used in attempting to resolve these two conflicts.

3 marks

c. Why did the United Nations play an increased role in international conflicts during the period between the end of the Cold War and the end of 2002?

3 marks

Question 3

Name the post-Cold War conflict that you will use to answer the following questions.

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- a.** Name **one** major goal of **one** of the nation states or groups involved in this conflict.

1 mark

- b.** Explain the extent to which this goal was achieved.

2 marks

- c.** Describe **one** other significant consequence of this conflict.

2 marks

Total 24 marks

SECTION C – Essay – Power and National Interest**Instructions for Section C**

Answer **one** question in the space provided following Section D.

Question 1

A nation state's power is not simply its resources, but also the ability to use those resources to promote its own national interests.

Discuss with reference to **at least one** international relationship or situation within the Asia-Pacific region that you have studied.

OR

Question 2

Debates over national interest within a state can affect both its domestic situation and its power to influence the outcome of international relations.

Discuss with reference to **at least one** Asia-Pacific nation state.

OR

Question 3

Discuss how the use of power in the specific relationship or situation in the Asia-Pacific region that you have studied this year enhanced or threatened the national interests of **at least one** of the nation states involved.

33 marks

SECTION D – Essay – Australian Foreign Policy**Instructions for Section D**

Answer **one** question in the space provided on the following pages.

Question 1

Australian support for the United States Government's policy on Iraq is further evidence of the substantial emphasis Australia has placed on its relationship with the US since 1950.

Discuss.

OR

Question 2

Events over the last five years have forced Australia to concentrate on the Asia-Pacific region to a greater extent than at any time since the end of the Vietnam War.

Discuss.

OR

Question 3

Economic factors have been the dominant concern in Australian foreign policy over the past twenty-five years.

Discuss.

33 marks

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A script book is available from the supervisor if you require extra paper to complete your answer.
 Please ensure that you write your **student number** in the space provided on the front cover of the script book.

END OF QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK