



Victorian Certificate of Education 2005

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STUDENT NUMBER

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INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Written examination

Wednesday 16 November 2005

Reading time: 11.45 am to 12.00 noon (15 minutes)

Writing time: 12.00 noon to 2.00 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>
A	2	2	10
B	4	4	24
C	3	1	33
D	3	1	33
			Total 100

- 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.

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SECTION A – Short-answer questions

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

Question 1

Select **three** of the following terms and define each one as it relates to the study of international relations.

- nuclear proliferation
- sovereignty
- containment
- pre-emptive strike
- national security
- war on terror
- nationalism

Term _____

Definition _____

Term _____

Definition _____

Term _____

Definition _____

2 + 2 + 2 = 6 marks

Question 2

Outline **one** argument for and **one** argument against any **one** of the following statements about the effects of globalisation.

Tick the statement that you have chosen to discuss.

- Globalisation is a means of more efficient use of the world's resources.
- Globalisation facilitates the more efficient exploitation of the less powerful nations and groups of the world.
- Globalisation reduces the risk of international conflicts.
- Globalisation is a threat to national sovereignty.

One argument for _____

One argument against _____

2 + 2 = 4 marks

Total 10 marks

SECTION B – Short-answer questions – Power and national interest

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

Question 1

In your course this year you will have examined a specific relationship or situation in the Asia-Pacific region in which two or more nation states or groups have exercised power to try to achieve the best outcomes for themselves.

Name the specific relationship or situation that you have chosen.

- a. Select **two** nation states/groups involved. For each of these, briefly describe **one** major goal that it was trying to achieve. Then outline how **one** form of power was used for this purpose.

Nation state/group 1 _____

Goal _____

Use of **one** form of power _____

Nation state/group 2 _____

Goal _____

Use of **one** form of power _____

3 + 3 = 6 marks

- b. How effective has **one** of these uses of power been?

2 marks

Question 2

Give **two** reasons why it is difficult to compare the power of nation states.

4 marks

Question 3

In your course this year you studied a key issue involving competing perceptions of national interest within one Asia-Pacific nation state. In the following spaces, identify the nation state (other than Australia) and the key issue you studied and use examples from that nation state to answer the questions below.

Nation state _____

Key issue _____

- a. Identify **two** competing perceptions of the national interest and state **one** argument presented in support of each perception.

Perception 1 _____

Argument _____

1 + 2 = 3 marks

Perception 2 _____

Argument _____

1 + 2 = 3 marks

b. Describe **one** way in which the policy finally adopted in regard to this issue affected the nation state's foreign relations.

3 marks

Question 4

Identify **one** regional or global organisation and answer the following question in relation to it.

Name of organisation _____

Explain the role played by this organisation **in any one** issue in the Asia-Pacific region in the past twenty-five years.

Issue _____

3 marks

Total 24 marks

SECTION C – Essay – Australian foreign policy**Instructions for Section C**

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

Question 1

Do the benefits of Australia's alliance with the USA outweigh the costs?

Discuss with reference to the Australian-US alliance since the end of the Cold War.

OR

Question 2

Before the 1970s, Australian foreign policy makers viewed the provision of Australia's security in predominantly military terms. Since that time, however, other factors have played more important roles.

Discuss with reference to Australia's foreign policy since 1945.

OR

Question 3

Australian foreign policy has been determined more by national interest than by idealism.

Discuss with reference to Australian foreign policy since 1945.

Total 33 marks

SECTION D – Essay – International conflict**Instructions for Section D**

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

Question 1

Choose **one** Cold War conflict and **one** post-Cold War conflict. Discuss the similarities and differences between these two conflicts in terms of causes, states or groups involved and outcomes.

OR

Question 2

The threat of nuclear confrontation meant that Cold War conflicts usually ended in compromises. However, in more recent times, the absence of such a threat has meant that conflicts have been more difficult to resolve.

Discuss with reference to at least **one** Cold War conflict and at least **one** post-Cold War conflict.

OR

Question 3

International conflicts, whether Cold War or post-Cold War, have tended to be caused by much the same factors.

Discuss with reference to at least **one** Cold War conflict and at least **one** post-Cold War conflict.

Total 33 marks

