



Victorian Certificate of Education 2012

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STUDENT NUMBER

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GLOBAL POLITICS

Written examination

Tuesday 20 November 2012

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	15	15	60
B	4	1	20
			Total 80

- 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 16 pages.
- Additional space is available at the end of the book if you need extra paper to complete an answer.

Instructions

- Write your **student number** in the space provided above on this page.
- Students are reminded that the focus needs to be on twenty-first century examples and case studies.
- All written responses must be in English.

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

SECTION A**Instructions**

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

Global actors**Question 1**

- a. State one objective of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

1 mark

- b. State one example of an action taken by this body.

1 mark

Question 2

Describe one of the roles of the International Criminal Court (ICC).

3 marks

Question 3

Providing an example, explain one way in which state sovereignty can be challenged.

4 marks

Question 4

Discuss how the political power of transnational corporations (TNCs) can be influenced by trade.

6 marks

Power in the Asia-Pacific region

In this area of study

- one of the following five states must be used as the focus for responses: Australia, China, Indonesia, Japan or the United States of America
- the types and forms of power used by a specific Asia-Pacific state must be within the region.

Question 5

Define the term ‘pragmatism’ as it relates to the study of global politics.

2 marks

Question 6

Describe one factor that helped shape national interest in one Asia-Pacific state.

3 marks

Question 7

Explain how military power has been used by one state in the Asia-Pacific as a foreign policy instrument.

5 marks

Question 8

Explain how economic power has been used by one state in the Asia-Pacific as a foreign policy instrument.

5 marks

Ethical issues and debates

The issues for this area of study are

- human rights
- people movement
- development, focusing on poverty and inequality
- arms control and disarmament.

Question 9

Using one specific example, describe how relevant global actors have responded to an issue.

3 marks

Question 10

Select one issue that you have studied this year.

- a. Identify one international law or treaty that relates to this issue. This may be pre-twenty-first century.

1 mark

- b. Explain the impact that this international law or treaty has had on your chosen issue in the twenty-first century.

5 marks

SECTION B**Instructions**

Answer **one** question in the space provided.

Question 1

‘States hold considerably more power and influence than non-state actors.’

Discuss.

20 marks

OR

Question 2

‘Soft power is of equal importance to hard power in the pursuit of national interest.’

Discuss with reference to the Asia-Pacific region and one of the following five states: Australia, China, Indonesia, Japan or the United States of America.

20 marks

OR

Question 3

Discuss how the responses of relevant global actors influenced one ethical issue that you have studied this year.

One of the following issues must be used: human rights; people movement; development focusing on poverty and inequality; arms control and disarmament.

20 marks

OR

Question 4

Discuss the effectiveness of the responses and proposed solutions from key global actors to one global crisis that you have studied this year.

One of the following global crises must be used: environmental degradation; intra and interstate conflict; state and non-state terrorism; economic instability.

20 marks

