



# VCE Global Politics

## Written examination – November

### Examination specifications

#### Overall conditions

The examination will be sat at a time and date to be set annually by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority. VCAA examination rules will apply. Details of these rules are published annually in the *VCE and VCAL Administrative Handbook*.

There will be 15 minutes reading time and two hours writing time.

The examination will be marked by a panel appointed by the VCAA.

The examination will contribute 50 per cent to the Study Score.

#### Content

The *VCE Australian and Global Politics Study Design 2012–2016* is the document for the development of the examination.

All outcomes of Units 3 and 4 of the *VCE Australian and Global Politics Study Design 2012–2016* will be examined. All key knowledge and key skills underpinning the outcomes are examinable.

#### Format

The examination will consist of two sections.

Section A: Short answer, multiple part and extended response questions. Total 60 marks

All questions in Section A will be compulsory.

Section B: Essay questions. Total 20 marks

Students will choose **one** out of four essay questions.

There will be one essay topic for each area of study.

The total marks allocated for the examination will be 80.

The examination may include questions which refer to stimulus materials such as newspaper articles, pictures or cartoons.

The examination will remain in its current format as a question and answer book.

#### Criteria

The following criteria will be used to assess the essay.

- Knowledge and understanding of global politics
- Understanding and appropriate use of terms and concepts
- Use of contemporary evidence and examples
- Development of a coherent argument or point of view relevant to the question and, where provided, stimulus material
- Analysis and evaluation of arguments and points of view related to global politics

## Advice

During the 2012–2016 accreditation period for the *VCE Australian and Global Politics Study Design*, examinations will be prepared according to the examination specifications above. Each examination will conform to these specifications and will test a representative sample of key knowledge and key skills. The following sample examination provides an indication of the type and range of question teachers and students can expect on the VCE Global Politics examination paper.

Students are reminded that focus needs to be on twenty-first century examples and case studies.

The VCAA does not publish answers for sample questions.

The following documents should be referred to in relation to the VCE Global Politics examination.

- *VCE Australian and Global Politics Study Design and Advice to Teachers 2012–2016*
- *VCE Australian and Global Politics Assessment Handbook*
- *VCAA Bulletin VCE, VCAL and VET*



# Victorian Certificate of Education

## Year

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# GLOBAL POLITICS

## Written examination

Day Date Year

Reading time: \*.\*.\* to \*.\*.\* (15 minutes)

Writing time: \*.\*.\* to \*.\*.\* (2 hours)

### QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

#### Structure of book

Section	Number of questions	Number of questions to be answered	Number of marks
A	13	13	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 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.**

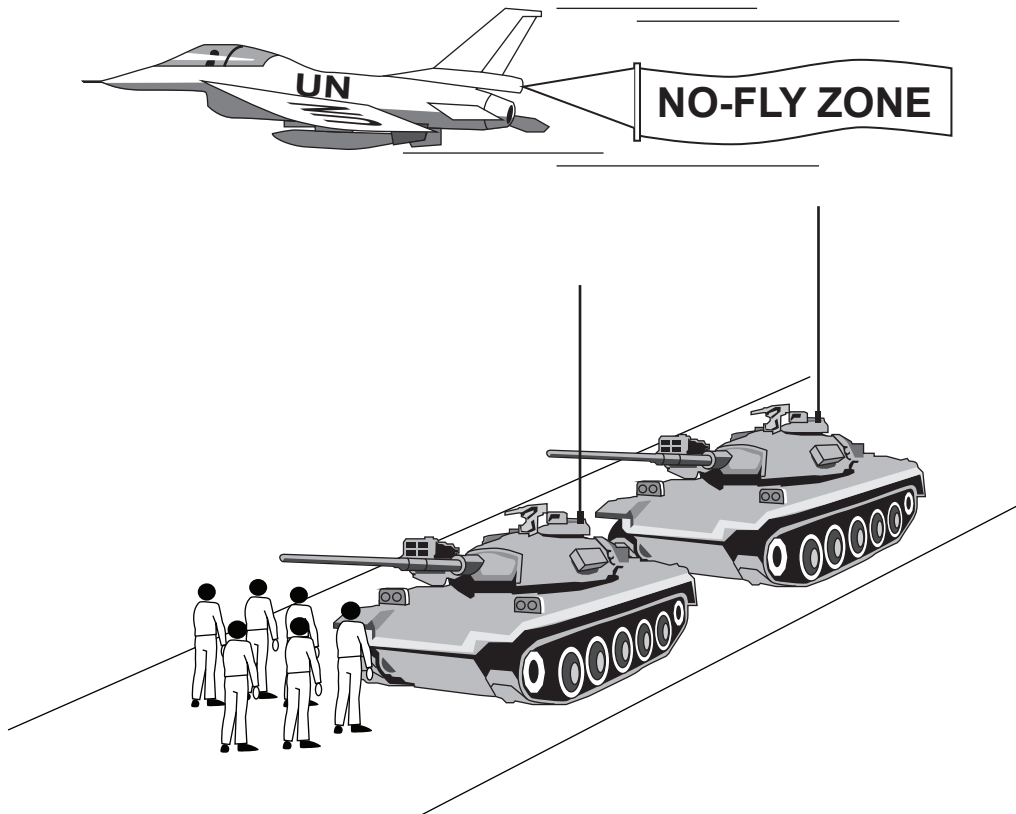
**SECTION A**

**Instructions**

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

**Global actors**

**Question 1**



a. Name the institution of global governance referred to in the image above.

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b. i. Outline one objective of the institution of global governance referred to in the image above.

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- ii. Using the image and your broader knowledge of global politics, discuss how this institution of global governance achieves this objective.

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**Question 2**

Describe how state sovereignty could be challenged by regional groupings.

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**Question 3**

Briefly explain the economic power and influence of one transnational corporation (TNC).

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**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 United States of America
- the types and forms of power as used by a specific Asia-Pacific state must be within the region.

**Question 4**

Define the term 'idealism' in the context of global politics.

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2 marks

**Question 5**

Describe one element that has shaped the national interest in an Asia-Pacific state that you have studied this year.

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**Question 6**

Using examples, explain the difference between hard and soft forms of power.

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**Question 7**

Analyse the extent to which an Asia-Pacific state has achieved one of its national interests since 2000.

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6 marks

**Ethical issues and debates**

The ethical issues for this area of study are

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

**Question 8**

Using specific examples, explain the difference between justice and ethics.

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**Question 9**

Select one ethical issue that you have studied this year.

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Outline two perspectives on this ethical issue.

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## Crises and responses

The global crises for this area of study are

- environmental degradation
- intra and interstate conflict
- state and non-state terrorism
- economic instability.

### Question 11

Explain what is meant by the term ‘international cooperation’ in the context of global politics.

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3 marks

### Question 12

Explain the relationship between one of the following factors and a global crisis that you have studied this year.

- water supply and environmental degradation
- peace-keeping and intra and interstate conflict
- the effectiveness of asymmetrical conflict in achieving a group’s objectives and state and non-state terrorism
- the role of the government as a stabiliser and regulator of last-resort and economic instability

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**SECTION B****Instructions**

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

**Question 1**

'... the secretary general of Amnesty International and the chief executive officer of Royal Dutch Shell cast far longer shadows on the international stage than do leaders of Moldova, Namibia, or Nauru. The state may not be quite ready to wither away, but it's not what it used to be.'

PJ Spiro cited in *Understanding Global Conflict and Cooperation*  
by Joseph S. Nye, Jr. and David A. Welch

Discuss the power and influence of key global actors in the twenty-first century.

20 marks

**OR**

**Question 2**

Evaluate the effectiveness of military and economic power within the Asia-Pacific region in the achievement of one Asia-Pacific state's objectives since 2000.

One of the following five states must be the focus for responses: Australia, China, Indonesia, Japan or United States of America.

20 marks

**OR**

**Question 3**

Discuss the effectiveness of two international laws and/or treaties related to 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**

Evaluate the causes of one global crisis that you have studied this year.

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

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A script book is available from the supervisor if you need extra paper to complete your answer. Please ensure you write your **student number** in the space provided on the front cover of the script book. **At the end of the examination, place the script book inside the front cover of this question and answer book.**

