

Test on International Relations

Time – 90 minutes

The instructions:

Please, select three questions from the list below and answer each in writing within 90 minutes. Each question would take you 30 minutes to answer.

Please, focus on specific international organisations, multilateral or bilateral institutions, international regimes, principles, legal instruments, and historical facts, while providing your reasoning. Where possible, support your arguments with recent data.

List of questions:

1. Offer a concrete solution to a political problem. You have been asked to provide guidelines for multilateral solution to the distribution of vaccines. What are the essential elements that you would include? What obstacles do you think might arise?
2. How many disputed borders in Central Asia do you know; what are they and what international organisations have been involved in resolving the border issues? What political solutions would you offer and why?
3. You have been asked to provide a map of the geopolitical composition in Central Asia. Which states and/or organisations would you include? Why? And which databases would you consult, while looking for the reliable information?
4. Should Uzbekistan reopen the U.S. military base on its territory? Why?
5. Describe the downsides of international aid. What would you do differently, were you asked to design an international aid program?
6. Describe the world's best dictators. What have they done for their country's development?
7. Why do countries with abundant water resources often experience water shortage (e.g. Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan)? What solution would you recommend?
8. Do democracies wage wars? Why? Provide examples.
9. What are traditional and non-traditional threats to security? What transnational threats do you know and what multilateral solutions have been created to address them?
10. What are old and new wars? Provide examples.
11. Is European Union a soft power? Why?
12. Why did countries create the United Nations Organisation? What reforms does it need, if any?
13. Under what conditions can international community intervene into the internal affairs of a sovereign state, if at all? Please, refer to specific international norms and regimes.