



Units 3 and 4 Global Politics

Practice Exam Question and Answer Booklet

Duration: 15 minutes reading time, 2 hours writing time

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 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:

- This question and answer booklet of 16 pages.

Instructions:

- You must complete all questions of the examination.
- Write all your answers in the spaces provided in this book

Section A – Short answer questions

Instructions

Answer all questions in the spaces provided.

Global Actors

Question 1

Define the term 'global governance' as it relates to the study of global politics.

2 marks

Question 2

Explain how issues requiring multilateral resolution have challenged state sovereignty.

4 marks

Power in the Asia-Pacific

Question 5

Define the term 'national interest' as it relates to the study of global politics.

2 marks

Question 6

Discuss, using examples, the difference between idealism and pragmatism.

4 marks

Question 7

- a. List one example of the use of diplomatic power since 2000 by one Asia Pacific state that you have studied this year.

1 mark

- b. Outline the objective behind this use of power.

2 marks

- c. Assess the extent to which this use of power achieved the objective stated in part b.

6 marks

Total: 9 marks

Ethical Issues and Debates

Question 8

- a. Identify one international law or treaty relating to an ethical issue that you have studied this year.

1 mark

- b. Explain how this international law or treaty seeks to uphold an ethical principle.

3 marks

Total: 4 marks

Question 9

Select one ethical issue that you have studied this year.

Using a specific example, outline the responses of two different global actors to an ethical issue you have studied this year.

5 marks

Global Crises

Question 11

- a. Define the term 'sustainability' as it relates to the study of global politics.

2 marks

- b. State one example of 'sustainability' in relation to a global crisis that you have studied this year.

1 mark

Section B

Instructions

Answer one of the questions in the space provided.

Indicate which question you have answered by writing its number in the space provided.

All questions in this section are worth 20 marks.

Questions

Question 1

“Institutions of global governance face far too many obstacles to play an effective role on the global stage.”

Discuss.

OR

Question 2

“Hard power is entirely limiting for a state’s ability to achieve national interest objectives.”

Do you agree?

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

OR

Question 3

Evaluate the power of the international community to address global ethical issues in the 21st century.

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

OR

Question 4

“Whilst the causes of global crises may be easy to identify, effective resolutions are harder to find.”

Discuss with reference to one global crisis.

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

