

SECTION A – Short-answer questions**Instructions for Section A**

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

Question 1

In international law, a sovereign state is independent and free from all external control, governs its own territory, selects its own political, economic and social systems, and has the power to enter into treaties with other nation states.

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- a. List **two** ways in which the sovereignty of any nation state can be threatened.

2 marks

- b. Explain **how one** of these threats could undermine the sovereignty of a nation state.

Threat _____

Explanation _____

2 marks

- c. List **two** ways in which nation states may attempt to protect their sovereignty.

2 marks

Question 2

Select **two** of the following terms and explain how each is used in the study of international relations.

National security

Alliance

Diplomacy

Globalisation

Term _____

Explanation _____

Term _____

Explanation _____

2 + 2 = 4 marks

Total 10 marks

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SECTION B – Short-answer questions**Instructions for Section B**

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

Question 1

... it is quite clear from Soviet theory and practice that the [Soviet Union] seeks to bring the free world under its dominion by methods of the cold war.

NSC-68, Report to the US National Security Council, April 1950

- a.** List **two** characteristics that were used to classify a nation state as a member of the ‘free world’ during the Cold War.

2 marks

- b. i.** Name **two** events **after 1945** that the United States used to justify its argument that the Soviet Union was aggressive.

- ii.** Explain how the United States presented the Soviet Union as aggressive in regard to **one** of these events.

- iii.** Describe the United States’ response to this event.

2 + 3 + 3 = 8 marks

Question 2

In your course this year you have compared the nature of international conflict in the Cold War and post-Cold War periods.

Name the **two** conflicts that you will use to answer the following questions.

Cold War conflict _____

Post-Cold War conflict _____

- a. Outline **one** difference **or one** similarity between the causes of these two conflicts.

3 marks

- b. Outline **one** difference **or one** similarity between the methods used in attempting to resolve these two conflicts.

3 marks

- c. Why did the United Nations play an increased role in international conflicts during the period between the end of the Cold War and the end of 2002?

3 marks

Question 3

Name the post-Cold War conflict that you will use to answer the following questions.

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- a.** Name **one** major goal of **one** of the nation states or groups involved in this conflict.

1 mark

- b.** Explain the extent to which this goal was achieved.

2 marks

- c.** Describe **one** other significant consequence of this conflict.

2 marks

Total 24 marks

SECTION C – Essay – Power and National Interest**Instructions for Section C**

Answer **one** question in the space provided following Section D.

Question 1

A nation state's power is not simply its resources, but also the ability to use those resources to promote its own national interests.

Discuss with reference to **at least one** international relationship or situation within the Asia-Pacific region that you have studied.

OR

Question 2

Debates over national interest within a state can affect both its domestic situation and its power to influence the outcome of international relations.

Discuss with reference to **at least one** Asia-Pacific nation state.

OR

Question 3

Discuss how the use of power in the specific relationship or situation in the Asia-Pacific region that you have studied this year enhanced or threatened the national interests of **at least one** of the nation states involved.

33 marks

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SECTION D – Essay – Australian Foreign Policy**Instructions for Section D**

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

Question 1

Australian support for the United States Government's policy on Iraq is further evidence of the substantial emphasis Australia has placed on its relationship with the US since 1950.

Discuss.

OR

Question 2

Events over the last five years have forced Australia to concentrate on the Asia-Pacific region to a greater extent than at any time since the end of the Vietnam War.

Discuss.

OR

Question 3

Economic factors have been the dominant concern in Australian foreign policy over the past twenty-five years.

Discuss.

33 marks

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