

Victorian Certificate of Education 2003

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INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Written examination

Tuesday 18 November 2003

Reading time: 1.30 pm to 1.45 pm (15 minutes) Writing time: 1.45 pm to 3.45 pm (2 hours)

QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

Structure of book

Section	Number of questions	Number of questions to be answered	Number of marks	Suggested times (minutes)
A	2	2	10	12
В	3	3	24	28
C	3	1	33	40
D	3	1	33	40
			Total 100	120

- 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 18 pages.
- A script book is available from the supervisor if required.

Instructions

- Write your **student number** in the space provided above on this page and on the front cover of any script book used.
- All written responses must be in English.

At the end of the examination

• If a script book is used, place it inside the front cover of this question and answer book.

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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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2 marks

Question 2

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

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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

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

rour course this year you have compared the nature of international conflict in the Cold war and post-Cold periods.
me the two conflicts that you will use to answer the following questions.
d War conflict
t-Cold War conflict
Outline one difference or one similarity between the causes of these two conflicts.
3 marks
Outline one difference or one similarity between the methods used in attempting to resolve these two conflicts.
3 marks
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?

Question 3

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

a.	Name one major goal of one of the nation states or groups involved in this conflict.	
b.	Explain the extent to which this goal was achieved.	1 mark
c.	Describe one other significant consequence of this conflict.	2 marks
		2 marks
		Total 24 marks

SECTION C – Essay – Power and National Interest

Instructions for Section C

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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.

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.

A script book is available from the supervisor if you require extra paper to complete your answers. Clearly indicate in the box on the top of each page the section and question number for each answer. Question No Section

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Students should answer Section C and Section D on the following pages.

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