

**Victorian Certificate of Education
2016**

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STUDENT NUMBER Letter

GLOBAL POLITICS
Written examination

Monday 14 November 2016

Reading time: 11.45 am to 12.00 noon (15 minutes)
Writing time: 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm (2 hours)

QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

Structure of book

<i>Section</i>	<i>Number of questions</i>	<i>Number of questions to be answered</i>	<i>Number of marks</i>
A	15	15	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 correction fluid/tape.
- No calculator is allowed in this examination.

Materials supplied

- Question and answer book of 20 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 the focus of their responses needs to be on 21st-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 for Section A
Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

Global actors

Question 1 (5 marks)

a. State **one** aim of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). 1 mark

b. Explain the power of the IMF. 4 marks

Question 2 (2 marks)

Outline the role of **one** of the following non-state actors: a legal organisation **or** a global terrorist movement.

Question 3 (3 marks)

Explain how the terms 'nation' and 'state' differ in global politics.

Question 4 (5 marks)

'Transnational corporations (TNCs) are considered by some people to be predators ... and by others as drivers of progress.'

Analyse this statement using **one** TNC that you have studied this year.

Power in the Asia-Pacific region

In this section of the examination:

- one of the following five Asia-Pacific states must be used as the focus for all responses: Australia, China, Indonesia, Japan or the United States of America
- the types of power used by a specific Asia-Pacific state must be within the Asia-Pacific region.

Selected Asia-Pacific state _____

Question 5 (1 mark)

Provide **one** example of the use of cultural power by your selected state.

Question 6 (3 marks)

Explain how the terms 'hard power' and 'soft power' differ in global politics.

Question 7 (5 marks)

Explain the importance of **one** of the following national interests to your selected state: international standing **or** economic prosperity.

Question 8 (6 marks)

- a.** Provide **one** example of the use of military power as a foreign policy instrument by your selected state. 1 mark

- b.** Analyse the effectiveness of the example provided in **part a.** in pursuit of the national interests of your selected state. 5 marks

Ethical issues and debates

The ethical issues for this section of the examination are:

- human rights
- people movement
- development
- arms control and disarmament.

Question 9 (4 marks)

Using **one** example, explain the term ‘cosmopolitanism’ as it relates to the study of global politics.

Question 10 (4 marks)

Select one ethical issue that you have studied this year.

Ethical issue _____

Describe how global actors seek to enforce **one** international treaty in relation to this ethical issue.

Question 11 (7 marks)

Select another ethical issue that you have studied this year. This issue must be different from the one selected in Question 10.

Ethical issue _____

Analyse the effectiveness of responses by **two** global actors to this ethical issue.

Global crises

The global crises for this section of the examination are:

- climate change
- armed conflict
- terrorism
- economic instability.

You may use the same global crisis or a different global crisis to answer Questions 12 and 13.

Question 12 (2 marks)

Outline **one** proposed solution to a global crisis that you have studied this year.

Question 13 (3 marks)

Explain how globalisation has contributed to a global crisis that you have studied this year.

Question 14 (5 marks)

From the table below, select one global crisis and its related aspect.

Global crisis	Related aspect
climate change	national interests
armed conflict	intervention
terrorism	terrorism as an instrument of state policy
economic instability	capitalism's boom-bust cycle

Global crisis and aspect _____

Explain how the aspect demonstrates difficulties in achieving effective resolution of your selected global crisis.

Question 15 (5 marks)

Select a different global crisis from the one selected in Question 14.

Global crisis _____

Explain the difficulties of achieving effective international cooperation for this global crisis.

SECTION B**Instructions for Section B**

Write an essay on **one** of the following questions in the space provided.

Question 1 (20 marks)

‘Regional groupings are the main challenge facing state sovereignty.’

Discuss.

OR

Question 2 (20 marks)

‘Idealism limits the achievement of national interests.’

Discuss in relation to **one** Asia-Pacific state. One of the following five Asia-Pacific states must be used: Australia, China, Indonesia, Japan or the United States of America.

OR

Question 3 (20 marks)

‘In ethical debates, realism always wins.’

Discuss with reference to **one** ethical issue.

OR

Question 4 (20 marks)

‘To resolve a global crisis effectively, its causes must be addressed.’

Discuss with reference to **one** global crisis.

