VCE Australian Politics Unit 4: 2018–2024

Performance Descriptors

| **VCE AUSTRALIAN POLITICS****SCHOOL-ASSESSED COURSEWORK** |
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| ***Unit 4******Outcome 2*** ***Analyse the nature, objectives and instruments of contemporary Australian foreign policy, and evaluate TWO key selected challenges facing Australian foreign policy.*** | **DESCRIPTOR: typical performance in each range** |
| **Very low** | **Low** | **Medium** | **High** | **Very high** |
| Limited description of key terms and concepts relating to foreign policy. | Some explanation of key terms and concepts relating to foreign policy. | Satisfactory explanation of key terms and concepts relating to foreign policy. | Detailed explanation of key terms and concepts relating to foreign policy. | Comprehensive explanation of key terms and concepts relating to foreign policy. |
| Little explanation of the key objectives of Australian foreign policy and very little analysis of the nature of contemporary foreign policy formulation and implementation. | Some explanation of the key objectives of Australian foreign policy and basic analysis of the nature of contemporary foreign policy formulation and implementation. | Appropriate explanation of the key objectives of Australian foreign policy and clear analysis of the nature of contemporary foreign policy formulation and implementation. | Detailed explanation of the key objectives of Australian foreign policy and thoughtful analysis of the nature of contemporary foreign policy formulation and implementation. | Comprehensive explanation of the key objectives of Australian foreign policy and sophisticated analysis of the nature of contemporary foreign policy formulation and implementation. |
| Very limited analysis of the key instruments of contemporary foreign policy. | Some analysis of the key instruments of contemporary foreign policy. | Appropriate analysis of the key instruments of contemporary foreign policy. | Detailed analysis of the key instruments of contemporary foreign policy. | Sophisticated analysis of the key instruments of contemporary foreign policy. |
| Very limited evaluation of two key challenges facing contemporary foreign policy. | Some evaluation of two key challenges facing contemporary foreign policy. | Sound evaluation of two key challenges facing contemporary foreign policy. | Detailed evaluation of two key challenges facing contemporary foreign policy. | Sophisticated evaluation of two key challenges facing contemporary foreign policy. |
| Very little use of contemporary examples and evidence to explain and evaluate Australian foreign policy. | Some use of contemporary examples and evidence to explain and evaluate Australian foreign policy. | Satisfactory use of contemporary examples and evidence to explain and evaluate Australian foreign policy. | Thorough use of contemporary examples and evidence to explain and evaluate Australian foreign policy. | Comprehensive use of contemporary examples and evidence to explain and evaluate Australian foreign policy. |

KEY to marking scale based on the Outcome contributing 50 marks

| Very Low 1–10 | Low 11–20 | Medium 21–30 | High 31–40 | Very High 41–50 |
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