



DEFERRED
EXAMINATION
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DURATION: 3 HOURS

No. of Students: 8

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none

Students **MUST** count the number of pages in this examination question paper before beginning to write, and report any discrepancy to a proctor. This question paper has 2 pages.

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In addition to this question paper, students require: an examination booklet yes no
a Scantron sheet yes no

PART I: Please answer **four (4)** of the following six short answer (2-3 paragraph) questions. Each question is worth 10 marks.

1. What does the concept of deterrence refer to and what are the two fundamental assumptions upon which the concept rests? Identify and briefly elaborate on two broad types of deterrence.
2. What is the balance of power and what is the objective of a balance of power system? How can states act to balance other states?
3. Identify and briefly elaborate on five important trends in warfare since World War Two.
4. Perception is assigned a central place in decision-making theory. Individuals can base decisions on "images" of reality shaped by cognitive pictures of the situation. What are five such images?
5. What is the domino theory? How did this theory impact US policy in the Far East during the Cold War?
6. The Responsibility to Protect argues that humanitarian intervention is warranted when a situation meets one of two Just Cause thresholds. What are they? What are four other conditions that also have to be met?

PART II: Please answer **four (4)** of the following six long answer (4 to 5 paragraph) questions. Each question is worth 20 marks.

1. Compare and contrast the League of Nations and the United Nations in terms of their institutional components and the means by which they carried/carry out their mandate.
2. What does the term polarity refer to? Describe the three kinds of polarity that have been identified in the history of international relations and give an example of a time frame in which each type of polarity existed. Which type of system do you think is most stable and why?
3. Identify and describe the two prevalent theories of international organization that we discussed in class. Include definitions where applicable. What two developments in the 19th century were the sources of today's international organizations, and what did these sources contribute?
4. What are some of the reasons that have been put forth as to why communal wars break out? Elaborate in each area. How does the security dilemma pertain to intrastate conflict?
5. Identify and elaborate on the three core principles of a traditional peacekeeping operation and on the key changes in peacekeeping after the end of the Cold War. Do you think peacekeeping continues to be relevant today? Include references to your discussion group readings.
6. What is terrorism and what are some of its origins and causes? Identify some possible approaches to combating terrorism and elaborate on any difficulties. Do you think terrorism should be treated as an act of warfare? Include references to your discussion group readings.