

6. The state of Thailand was formerly known as ...
- Hong Kong
 - Gaul
 - Siam
 - Persia
7. Dow Jones is ...
- the name of an American author on international politics
 - an international shipping register
 - the name of the current Prime Minister of Australia
 - a financial information firm
8. The Acquis Communautaire is ...
- the property of two persons in marriage
 - a publication by Karl Marx in 1848
 - a treaty signed by six countries in 1951
 - the body of European Union law
9. The British Parliament ...
- unites MPs in Congress in Westminster, London
 - consists of a Senate and a House of Representatives
 - is bicameral, consisting of an upper and a lower house
 - has the shortest tenure in Europe – only 4 years
10. Apartheid was a political system in ...
- Yugoslavia
 - South Africa
 - Germany
 - Sweden
11. Standard and Poor's is ...
- a statistical rating organisation
 - an International banking corporation
 - an institution which sets prices for international trade
 - the name given to the stock exchange in New York
12. The OECD is ...
- a British consortium of cereal producers
 - an organisation of coal-producing countries
 - a Convention of Psychiatric Organisations
 - an international organisation to stimulate economic progress
13. The name De Beers is invariably linked with trade in ...
- alcohol
 - diamonds
 - petroleum products
 - pharmaceuticals
14. In Malta, the United States is represented by ...
- The Consulate General of the United States
 - The United States High Commission
 - The Embassy of the United States
 - The Diplomatic Office of the United States in Malta

15. Two states which have a history of political rivalry between them, verging on war ...
- India and Pakistan
 - Australia and New Zealand
 - The United States and Canada
 - Germany and Austria

16. Which of these states is committed not to possess nuclear weapons?
- Israel
 - Japan
 - France
 - India

17. The senior diplomatic representative in Malta is ...
- The Ambassador of the European Union
 - The Papal Nuncio
 - The British High Commissioner
 - The Ambassador of the Republic of Italy

18. Which of these words does not mean "treaty"?
- charter
 - concordat
 - convention
 - traverse

19. In the world of politics, "The Little Red Book" refers to ...
- a summary of the ideas of Karl Marx distributed in the USSR
 - a small book of selected statements by Mao Tse-tung
 - the ideological manifesto of the Socialist International
 - the file of nuclear codes kept by the President of the United States

20. The word "Sharia" is ...
- the name given to any translation of the Koran
 - the name given by ISIS followers to the ultimate Islamic state
 - another word for Jannah, the Islamic conception of paradise
 - Islamic Law

Section Two: Speech (500 – 550 words) (80 marks)

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malta will be attending a conference on irregular immigration in the Mediterranean. In this exercise you are expected to assume the role of Second Secretary within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and draw up a speech (between 500 – 550 words) for the Minister highlighting aspects of this reality that are directly relevant to Malta. The speech needs to reflect a balance in focus on the situation, problems and possible solutions.

Section Three: Argumentative Essay - (600 – 650 words) (80 marks)

1. While intelligence agencies can conduct legally authorized secret operations in order to prevent serious crimes and terrorism, revelations over the past year have raised questions as to whether data gathering and sharing is disproportionate, or of questionable necessity." How far do you agree with this statement, and what remedies would you suggest to improve the situation?
2. One of the Top 10, 2013 Business and Human Rights issues was "Mitigating the 'resource curse' by preventing negative human rights impacts of oil and gas exploration." How can countries blessed by nature but too often cursed by human nature best ensure that exploitation of oil, gas, minerals and other resources benefit all their people and not just a few?
3. What will determine the Euro Zone's future? How do you see Malta faring in the evolving scenario?
4. "Saving our planet, lifting people out of poverty, advancing economic growth.....these are one and the same fight. We must connect the dots between climate change, water scarcity, energy shortages, global health, food security and women's improvement. Solutions to one problem must be solution for all" (Ban Ki-moon). What is Malta doing to address these issues? Discuss.
5. Discuss the prevailing indicators that may lead to another 'cold war, and expand on the repercussions which Malta could suffer as a result.

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Time allowed: 3 hours

Section One: Multiple choice questions testing competence in international relations and current affairs (20 x 2 marks)

You are to answer ALL the questions listed below. You are to write both the number of the question, and the letter corresponding to your answer, with a hyphen in between.

1. The Republican Constitution of Malta was signed in ...
 - a. 1921
 - b. 1979
 - c. 1974
 - d. 1964
2. The Russian Parliament is commonly known as ...
 - a. The Politburo
 - b. The Kremlin
 - c. The Putin
 - d. The Duma
3. The George Cross was awarded to Malta ...
 - a. in 1942
 - b. in 1916
 - c. in 1565
 - d. in 1964
4. In 1990, Iraq invaded ...
 - a. Kuwait
 - b. Saudi Arabia
 - c. Iran
 - d. Dubai
5. 1945 marks the date of the creation of ...
 - a. The League of Nations
 - b. The United Nations
 - c. The Commonwealth of Nations
 - d. The European Union