

**Examination for the Post of  
Second Secretary in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and  
Trade Promotion**

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Paper Two  
**English**  
3 hours

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**Section A**  
**Multiple Choice**  
(40 marks)

Answer **all** the questions in this section. Choose the correct answer. Each question carries two marks. **Copy the number of the option you choose on the answer booklet** (there is no need to copy the whole answer).

1. An incoming or outgoing State Visit provides for a delegation led by:
  - a. Minister for Foreign Affairs
  - b. Deputy Prime Minister
  - c. Prime Minister
  - d. Head of State
  - e. Governor
  
2. One of the following countries is a non-Balkan State:
  - a. Albania
  - b. Macedonia
  - c. Slovenia
  - d. Kosovo
  - e. Montenegro
  
3. The Council of Europe is located in:
  - a. Copenhagen
  - b. Stockholm
  - c. Paris
  - d. Rome
  - e. Strasbourg
  
4. The Republic of Kosovo missed by three votes its accession bid to join the:
  - a. United Nations Organisation
  - b. Council of Europe
  - c. UNESCO
  - d. NATO
  - e. World Health Organisation
  
5. The Centro Destra Coalition in Italy is now headed by:
  - a. Luigi di Maio
  - b. Silvio Berlusconi
  - c. Matteo Salvini
  - d. Giorgia Meloni
  - e. Paolo Gentiloni

6. ECLASLO helps to promote dialogue between:
  - a. Mediterranean countries
  - b. African and European countries
  - c. the European Commission and the League of Arab States
  - d. Asian countries
  - e. Northern and Southern American countries
  
7. Official communications between different Ministries for Foreign Affairs are made through:
  - a. email exchanges
  - b. exchange of letters
  - c. exchange of Notes Verbale
  - d. exchange of messages
  - e. exchanges of MoUs
  
8. Australia is officially known as:
  - a. the State of Australia
  - b. the Commonwealth of Australia
  - c. the Continent of Australia and Tasmania
  - d. the Governorship of Australia
  - e. Australia
  
9. The Secretary of State of the Holy See is responsible for the:
  - a. economy and finances of the Catholic Church
  - b. internal affairs of the Catholic Church
  - c. foreign affairs of the Catholic Church
  - d. religious issues of the Christian communities world-wide
  - e. the Papal audiences in St Peter's Square
  
10. In spite of continuous political turmoil in the Western Balkan States, these countries enjoy:
  - a. absolute freedom of religion
  - b. guaranteed health services
  - c. guaranteed flight connections to all European countries
  - d. complete transparency in administrative matters
  - e. a normal criminal activity in each member-state
  
11. One of these countries is not a Middle East country:
  - a. Egypt
  - b. Israel
  - c. Lebanon
  - d. Greece
  - e. Oman

12. In the Syrian conflict, besides Russia and the Hezbollah, which other country supports the Syrian Government of al-Assad?
  - a. the USA
  - b. Yemen
  - c. Iran
  - d. Turkey
  - e. Saudi Arabia
  
13. The Asia/Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) promotes free trade throughout the Asia/Pacific region. APEC operates from:
  - a. Singapore
  - b. Moscow
  - c. Beijing
  - d. Canberra
  - e. Tokyo
  
14. Besides the UK's decision to leave the EU, which other *territory* has actually left the European Union in 1982?
  - a. Faroe Islands
  - b. Greenland
  - c. Iceland
  - d. Gibraltar
  - e. Shetland Islands
  
15. Ilir Meta is the Head of State of which Balkan country?
  - a. Macedonia
  - b. Montenegro
  - c. Albania
  - d. Serbia
  - e. Kosovo
  
16. The United Nations Security Council is composed of fifteen members five of which are permanent members. Which country below is not one of these five permanent members?
  - a. the UK
  - b. the Russian Federation
  - c. China
  - d. the USA
  - e. India
  
17. In Germany, Angela Merkel has succeeded to form a new government with the support of the Social Democrats plus which other party?
  - a. The Free Democratic Party (FDP)
  - b. The Greens
  - c. Alternative for Germany (AfG)
  - d. The Christian Social Union (CSU)
  - e. Alliance 90

18. The Co-Operation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf consists of all the Arab States of the Persian Gulf, except for which state?
- United Arab Emirates
  - Bahrain
  - Iraq
  - Qatar
  - Kuwait
19. Malta hosted the 13th Arraiolos Group Meeting in September 2017 with the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Group being held in 2018 in:
- Lisbon
  - Rome
  - Sofia
  - Riga
  - Athens
20. The Council of Europe is made up of forty-seven European states. Which of the following countries is not yet a CoE member-State?
- Belgium
  - Belarus
  - Cyprus
  - Montenegro
  - Croatia

## **Section B**

### **Speech**

*(80 marks)*

The Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion of the Republic of Malta will be attending an international conference on the current situation in Israel and Palestine, particularly following the recent outbreak of violence in Gaza.

You are expected to assume the role of a Second Secretary within the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion and draw up a speech (between 500-550 words) for the Minister, highlighting Malta's broad policy vis-à-vis the current situation in Gaza as it unfolds and how this may impact the future prospects of the Middle East Peace Process in general. You are also to provide recommendations for consideration by the international community.

## Section C

### Essay

(80 marks)

Choose **one** title from the list below and write an essay. Your answer should be between 600 and 650 words.

1. Stability in the EU is being threatened by a growing number of European sceptics. Discuss.
2. Mr Trump's call "We'll make America great again" and his proposed taxation policy could well upset international relations. Comment.
3. It seems that President Putin's foreign policy is causing a strain in Russia's relations with many other countries. Discuss.
4. Discuss the possible positive and negative effects of Brexit on Europe.
5. International sport activities could well serve to bring about reconciliation among nations. Do you agree? Elaborate.
6. Climate change poses challenges to social, economic and political stability which need to be addressed by all countries. Discuss.

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