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

Subject: English
Date: Friday, 22 March 2019
Time: 10:00 – 13:00 (Three hours)

Section A

Answer all the questions in this section. Choose the correct answer. Each question carries two (2) marks. Copy the number of the option you choose on the answer booklet (there is no need to copy the whole answer).

- (1) Since when has "Trade Promotion" been included to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs portfolio?
- (a) 1996
 - (b) 2004
 - (c) 2008
 - (d) 2013
 - (e) 2017
- (2) Official communications between the Ministries for Foreign Affairs of different countries are made through:
- (a) exchange of letters
 - (b) exchange of messages
 - (c) exchange of emails
 - (d) exchange of Notes Verbale
 - (e) exchange of MoUs
- (3) A newly appointed Ambassador is presented with his/her appointment and accreditation letters by:
- (a) the Minister for Foreign Affairs
 - (b) the Head of State
 - (c) the Prime Minister
 - (d) the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs
 - (e) the Attorney General
- (4) On proceeding abroad to present his credentials as the newly appointed Ambassador to the country to which he/she has been accredited, the letters of credence are presented to:
- (a) the Prime Minister
 - (b) the Minister for Foreign Affairs
 - (c) the Attorney General
 - (d) the Head of State
 - (e) the Director General at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

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(20) The United Kingdom might appear to be the first nation to leave the European Union following the Brexit Referendum. However, one other “territory” has actually left the European Union way back in 1982:

- (a) Iceland
- (b) Gibraltar
- (c) Andorra
- (d) Greenland
- (e) the Faroe Islands

(40 marks)

Section B

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malta will be addressing an international forum on international organisations and seeking to promote Malta as a location for international dialogue and scholarship.

You are expected to assume the role of Second-Secretary within the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and to draw up a speech (between 500-550 words) for the Minister highlighting Malta’s experience in this field and giving recommendations to promote further Malta’s role in the international community.

(80 marks)

Section C

1. In view of the advances in the field of telecommunication and the frequent travel of Ministers, are Embassies still relevant. Discuss.
2. Discuss your views on the present crises in Venezuela.
3. With the increase in Israeli settlements, do you feel that the two-state solution is still feasible? Comment.
4. Comment on the present political situation in Algeria.
5. Discuss how Brexit will influence our foreign policy.
6. Is Trump’s foreign policy creating a rift with the European Union? Discuss.

(80 marks)

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(5) In Malta, which Government entity or authority deals with the vetting of requests for visas from foreign citizens requiring visas to enter Malta?

- (a) the Police Department
- (b) the Protocol Section of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs
- (c) the Consular Section of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs
- (d) Identity Malta
- (e) the Ministry for Home Affairs

(6) One of the following States is not a founder-member of OPEC:

- (a) Kuwait
- (b) Iraq
- (c) Iran
- (d) Nigeria
- (e) Venezuela

(7) The European Parliament is made up of a number of Euro MPs coming from all the 28 EU member-States. The total number of MEPs is:

- (a) 650
- (b) 675
- (c) 751
- (d) 810
- (e) 851

(8) The European Commission League of Arab States Liaison Office (ECLASLO) was established in Malta with the specific purpose and intent to help promote a continuous dialogue via projects and initiatives between:

- (a) African and European countries
- (b) the European Commission and the Middle East countries
- (c) the European Commission and the League of Arab States
- (d) Mediterranean countries
- (e) the European Commission and the Arab Gulf States

(9) One of these countries is not yet a full-member of the United Nations:

- (a) Japan
- (b) Finland
- (c) Ecuador
- (d) Kosovo
- (e) Ukraine

- (10) One of these countries is not considered a Middle-East country:
- (a) Egypt
 - (b) Lebanon
 - (c) Oman
 - (d) Greece
 - (e) The Palestine

- (11) One of these countries is a non-EU Member-State:
- (a) Denmark
 - (b) Croatia
 - (c) Portugal
 - (d) Serbia
 - (e) Bulgaria

- (12) The Head of State of the Republic of Albania is:
- (a) Hashim Thaci
 - (b) Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic
 - (c) Milo Dukanovic
 - (d) Ilir Meta
 - (e) Gjorje Ivanov

- (13) Who represents Queen Elizabeth II as Head of State of the Commonwealth of Australia?
- (a) the Prime Minister
 - (b) the Attorney General
 - (c) the Chief Justice
 - (d) the Governor-General
 - (e) the Minister for Home Affairs

- (14) After the last general elections in Italy, the two main parties forming the present Italian Government are:
- (a) the Partito Democratico and Forza Italia
 - (b) Forza Italia and Cinque Stelle
 - (c) Cinque Stelle and Fratelli d'Italia
 - (d) Fratelli d'Italia and Partito Democratico
 - (e) La Lega and Cinque Stelle

- (15) The political scenario in the United States of America has for many years been dominated the Democrats and the:
- (a) Greens
 - (b) Social Union of the USA
 - (c) Republicans
 - (d) Anti-Communist League
 - (e) Social Democratic Party of the USA

- (16) One of the following countries is a non-Western Balkan State:
- (a) Serbia
 - (b) Montenegro
 - (c) Romania
 - (d) Kosovo
 - (e) Albania

- (17) Forty-seven European States form part of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. One of the following states is **not** a Council of Europe member.
- (a) Belarus
 - (b) Montenegro
 - (c) Finland
 - (d) Latvia
 - (e) Cyprus

- (18) One of the following states is a not a permanent member of the Security Council of the United Nations:
- (a) Russia
 - (b) United Kingdom
 - (c) China
 - (d) United States of America
 - (e) India

- (19) The Secretary of State of the Holy See is responsible for the:
- (a) the internal affairs of the Roman Catholic Church
 - (b) the economic and financial matters of the Roman Catholic Church
 - (c) religious issues of the Christian communities world-wide
 - (d) the foreign affairs of the Roman Catholic Church
 - (e) the Papal audiences in St Peter's Square