



**RUSSIAN-ARMENIAN UNIVERSITY
INSTITUTE OF LAW AND POLITICS**

DEPARTMENT OF WORLD POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

STATE EXAM QUESTIONS

(full-time education)

FOR MASTER PROGRAM

CONTEMPORARY DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

2023 – 2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

1. What is the role of Non-State Actors in contemporary international politics? How does it differ from the traditional international agenda?
2. Who are the actors in traditional IR theories (realism, liberalism) and who are the non-state actors?
3. What explains the growing relevance of terrorism in international affairs? Is there empirical data behind it?
4. What types of terrorist organizations do you know? What are their ideologies based on?
5. How did September 11, 2001, change the world? What is Bush's doctrine?
6. What is the role of ethnic groups in contemporary politics? What is the definition of ethnic nationalism?
7. What are the historical roots of present day nationalism?
8. What are the main theories behind ethnicity and ethnic identity? What is the theory of Benedict Anderson and his notion of "Imagined Communities"?
9. What does explain an ethnic conflict? Which of the main theories is more convincing: the "primordial", "ancient hatred", theory or the constructivist theory?
10. What is the role of demographics in international conflict? Do you believe that the "demographic bomb" went off and created a major humanitarian crisis?
11. What are the main challenges related to international migration and the refugee crisis? What are the main ways of resolving them?
12. Explain the Non-Proliferation Regime. How will this regime change in the near future?
13. What is the role of climate change and what international agreements are designed to grapple with this challenge? Describe the Kyoto protocol and its impact on climate change.
14. What role does water scarcity play in international security?
15. Explain narcotrafficking and its effect on international security.
16. What is the link between biodiversity and international affairs?
17. The Main Military Strategies in the Contemporary World

18. Weapons of Mass destruction and their proliferation
19. Terrorism in the 21st Century: Risks and Challenges
20. UN Peacekeeping Operations: Challenges and Opportunities
21. UNSC Sanctions
22. Multipolar World Order, Eurasian Geopolitics and Security
23. Russia's Role in Contemporary International Security
24. Analyze the National Security Strategy of the United States of America 2022
25. Analyze the National Security Strategy of Armenia 2020
26. China's National Security Issues
27. Security Issues in South Caucasus and Central Asia
28. Transportation Security of Eurasian Mainland: Present and analyze the main logistical routes
29. Cybersecurity Issues in contemporary IR
30. Environmental Security in contemporary IR
31. Psychology as science and its relevance to diplomacy, negotiations and decision-making.
32. Historical evolution of psychology and the main schools of thought in psychology.
33. Please, describe the essence and role of such categories as "sensation", "perception", "emotion", "feeling", "will" and "motivation", "consciousness", "attitude" and "stereotype" in effective decision-making.
34. How do you understand type and trait approaches in the study of personality?
35. What did Freud mean by "defense" mechanisms? Briefly describe three of them.
36. Intuition and commonsense in decision-making.
37. Compare and contrast Freud's personality theory with Neo-Freudian theories.
38. Biological rhythms, culture, concrete situations and gender as the factors influencing our behavior and decision-making.
39. Emotional intelligence and its development. Why is it important?
40. Self-management, self-awareness, social awareness and relationship management.
41. Stress management and building resilience.
42. Effective verbal and non-verbal communication as a prerequisite for effective decision-making.
43. Hindsight, overconfidence, intuition, "echo room" and creativity as factors influencing decision-making. Please, describe ways to improve decision-making.
44. Social thinking, self-concept and their influence on decision-making.
45. Social groups, social attitudes and their influence on decision-making.
46. Historical evolution of diplomacy.
47. Modern diplomacy and its practices.
48. Please, explain the nitty-gritty of diplomacy and foreign policy, and their interaction.
49. Please, describe the main types of diplomacy and their peculiarities.
50. Public diplomacy and soft power in international relations. Public relations and public diplomacy: commonalities and differences.
51. Variants of public diplomacy. Domestic public relations in diplomacy. The role of information promotion and disinformation in diplomacy.
52. Diplomatic correspondence: its essence, importance and main types of correspondence documents, including external and internal.

53. Diplomacy in the Media Age. Public diplomacy and social media. The use of propaganda in public diplomacy
54. Negotiations in diplomacy: theory and practice.
55. Media “literacy” and information security.
56. Disinformation: identification and treatment in the context of public diplomacy.
57. Cultural, psychological and political factors in international negotiations; the BATNA principles of negotiations.
58. Diplomacy of democratic and authoritarian states: any difference?
59. Please, describe the role of cultural diplomacy in international relations with reference to concrete cases.
60. Media and media-broker diplomacy.
61. What are Negotiations About?
62. ZOPA
63. BATNA
64. IBN
65. Game Theory: Main principles and Strategic Games
66. Rational Choice Theory
67. Dispute Resolution
68. Mediation in Negotiations
69. 3D Negotiations
70. Instruments of Negotiations
71. Preparing for Negotiations
72. Culture-based Negotiations
73. Cognitive Biases
74. Flawed Thinking
75. Ethics in Negotiations
76. Integrative Negotiations
77. Distributive Negotiations
78. “Z-Model” for Decision-making
79. Bilateral Negotiations
80. Multilateral Negotiations
81. Creating Value
82. International Arbitration
83. Negotiation Strategies
84. Zero-Sum Game
85. Active Skills for Effective Communication
86. Fundamentals Of Basic Communication
87. Win-Win Negotiations
88. Lose-Lose Negotiations
89. Win-Lose Negotiations
90. Facilitative Leadership
91. What is Global Governance?
92. Theories of Global Governance
93. Schools of Global Governance
94. Global Governance and National Sovereignty

95. Global Governance Approaches
96. Networks in Global Governance
97. State Actors in Global Governance
98. Non-State Actors in Global Governance
99. Global Governance and Globalization
100. Global Governance and International Organizations
101. Global Governance and Public International Law
102. Good Governance and Global Governance
103. Participatory Global Governance
104. Diplomacy and Global Governance
105. The Positive and The Negative Features of Global Governance
106. What is Diplomacy?
107. Theories of Diplomacy
108. Diplomatic Schools
109. Diplomatic Culture and Norms
110. Traditional Diplomacy
111. Non-Traditional Diplomacy
112. Types of Non-Traditional Diplomacy
113. Public Diplomacy
114. Digital Diplomacy
115. Cultural Diplomacy
116. Coercive Diplomacy
117. Soft Power in Diplomacy
118. Hard Power in Diplomacy
119. Bilateral Diplomacy
120. Multilateral Diplomacy
121. Diplomacy of International Organizations
122. Evolution of Diplomacy
123. US Diplomacy
124. Russian Federation Diplomacy
125. European Diplomacy
126. Middle East Diplomacy
127. China Diplomacy
128. Big Power Diplomacy
129. Small Power Diplomacy
130. Developing States Diplomacy
131. UN; Please share the structure and functions
132. UN Security Council
133. Diplomatic Mediation
134. International Arbitration
135. State Agencies for Execution of External Relations: Ministry of Foreign Affairs
136. Do we need a strategy in times of global turbulence and uncertainty
137. Changing world order: what does it mean?
138. Draw the timeline of transformation of International Relations from 1648
139. How do we see the contemporary international order and where is it going?

140. How do you see the new face of world order: challenges, risks, and opportunities
141. Post-Industrial Society and 4th Industrial Revolution
142. Theories of International Relations, Global Politics, and Globalization
143. Strategic game theory: Please present what kind of games you know
144. How does Strategic Game Theory help in explaining contemporary international relations?
145. Information and modern world
146. Information and cyber security
147. Strategy and Grand Strategy: theoretical approaches
148. What is the scenario-building method and how we apply it?

For those who took the course on China

1. Contemporary China's Foreign Policy: Decision Makers and Main Directions
2. China as a Superpower and Its Role in Multipolar World Order 2.0
3. Sino-American Relations and their Influence on Asia-Pacific and World Affairs
4. Prospects of Sino-Russian Comprehensive Strategic Cooperation: Cooperation in Asia-Pacific, Conjunction of the BRI and EAEU
5. Contradictions and Cooperation between China and EU in the Era of East-West Ideological Conflict
6. Political, Economic Contradictions and Cooperation between China and India in Asia-Pacific
7. China's Policy in 6 Economic Corridors of Belt and Road Initiative
8. China's 21st Maritime Silk Road and its Impact on Economic Relations in Eurasia Continent
9. China's "Digital Silk Road", "high-tech and digital diplomacy," and Impact on International Relations
10. China's Relations with Central Asian States: Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan. The Role of Shanghai Cooperation Organization
11. China's Relations with the South Caucasian States: Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan
12. China's Policy in the Middle East: Case Studies: Relations with Turkey and Iran
13. China's Policy on Iranian Nuclear Issue: Cooperation and Disagreements with the US and Russia
14. China's Relations with Japan: Economic Cooperation and Political Contradictions
15. China's Policy in Korean Peninsula

Regional diplomacy and politics (Europe and EU):

1. Regional integration and globalization: factors, premises, conditions, successes and failures.
2. The specificity of regional diplomacy in Europe.
3. The establishment and development of the European Union, its objectives, strategies, structure and functions.
4. EU's Foreign and Security Policy.

5. The EU Neighborhood Policy: successes and failures.
6. Regional international organizations in Europe: common features and differences.
7. The establishment, evolution, objectives, structure and functions of NATO; its relations with non-NATO European countries; the Programme for Peace implementation.
8. The importance of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and the establishment, development, structure and functions of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE); the OSCE security concept and its relevance to preserving peace in Europe; the conflict management cycle.
9. The OSCE security related institutions and fundamental documents, including, but not limited to, the Final Helsinki Act, the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE), the Treaty on Open Skies and the Vienna Document 2011.
10. The Collective Security Treatment Organization, its objectives, structure and functions.
11. Relations of the Russian Federation with the European Union, European Council and NATO in the past and at present.
12. Relations of the Republic of Armenia with the European Union, OSCE, European Council and NATO in the past and at present.
13. The OSCE Minsk Conference process on the settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.
14. The EU Partnership Policy and its implementation mechanisms.
15. The European security architecture after the World War II, its evolution and 21 century challenges. The role of US in European diplomacy and politics.
16. The establishment and development of the CIS and the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU).

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