



Introduction to International Relations

Midterm Examination #1

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The purpose of this exam is to determine how much of the material from the class (including in-class discussions, out-of-class events, and the readings) you have seriously considered. As such, use the question to demonstrate your mastery of the material. For instance, in sections where you discuss the liberalist perspective, you will first define what we mean by liberalism, including what differentiates it from the other perspectives.

Caveat: The easiest way to fail this *course* is to fail to cite and reference the sources you use to provide information. Since you will be using sources other than the text, you will need a reference list—properly formatted. (Yes, if you use the text, you must cite and reference it.) The reference list will be a separate page. Before you hand in the exam, have someone proofread it. Poor grammar, spelling, and presentation will lower your grade. Maybe you should review the rules on using commas and other punctuation. You should also review the course style sheet.

Do either of these two questions.

1. Read the “Prime Minister’s Speech: Doctrine of the International Community at the Economic Club, Chicago” (location: <http://web.utk.edu/~oforsber/pol365/docs/blair.pdf>). Write an essay that answers the question: Which of the three perspectives does Tony Blair appear to follow most. This essay will have six sections. The first section will be the introduction. The second section will find the realist perspective in the speech. The third section will find the liberalist perspective in his speech. The fourth section will find the identity-ist perspective in his speech. The fifth section lays out your argument as to which one is primary for him. The sixth section is the conclusion.
2. There are many issues on the horizon in the world at this moment. The oil wars in Nigeria, the atomic issues in Iran, the missile problems in North Korea, and the ongoing War on Terrorism all spring to mind as long-term issues. Select one of these four issues or another one that you feel is more interesting. For the issue you have chosen, give the cause of the issue and the solution for the issue. There will be four sections for this question: introduction, cause, solution, and conclusion. For each of the two main sections (cause and solution), divide your explanation into four sub-sections, one for each of the three perspectives and one for the summary for that section.

Final Notes

Notice that I say ‘section’ and not ‘paragraph’ for each of these. Paragraph appropriately. Label each of the sections appropriately. The main section headings should be base font and size, but **bolded** and on its own line (like the one labeling this section). The sub-section headings should be base font and size, but *italicized* and on its own line. Introductions do not get a heading (or sub-heading); the conclusions do. Furthermore, the first sub-section beneath a section does not get a heading, as it is considered an introduction.