



International Baccalaureate[®] Baccalauréat International Bachillerato Internacional

WORLD POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS STANDARD LEVEL PAPER 1

SCHOOL BASED SYLLABUS

Monday 30 April 2012 (morning)

1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not turn over this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- This paper covers: Syllabus Area I – The underlying principles of modern world order and power Syllabus Area II – World and regional integration and governance
- Answer two questions, one from Syllabus Area I and one from Syllabus Area II.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is [40 marks].

SYLLABUS AREA I

Answer one question. Each question is worth [20 marks].

- 1. Evaluate the importance of the modern nation-state to the continuing maintenance of international order.
- 2. Define the concept of democracy and analyse how the application of the term has varied over time. Use **at least two** examples to illustrate your answer.
- **3.** "Multi-polar systems ensure stability in international relations." Examine the validity of this statement, using **at least two** examples to illustrate your answer.
- 4. Analyse the causes of **two** twentieth century conflicts using the realist theory of international relations.

SYLLABUS AREA II

Answer one question. Each question is worth [20 marks].

- 5. "The end of the Cold War has enhanced the peacekeeping performance of the United Nations." To what extent do you agree with this statement?
- 6. "The growth of regional IGOs has improved the protection of human rights." Choosing any **one** of the EU, ASEAN, NAFTA or Mercosur, assess the validity of this statement.
- 7. To what extent has globalization benefited developing countries?
- 8. In international relations theory, analysis is often made at system, state or individual level. Using all three levels of analysis, evaluate the successes and failures of any one humanitarian intervention.