



**STRATHMORE INSTITUTE**  
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**Instructions**

1. This examination consists of **FIVE** questions.
2. **Answer Question ONE (COMPULSORY) and any other TWO questions**

**QUESTION ONE**

George Modelski, defines Foreign Policy as “the system of activities evolved by communities for changing the behaviour of other states and for adjusting their own activities to the international environment. Foreign policy must throw light on the ways states attempt to change, and succeed in changing the behaviour of other states.”

- a) Discuss the three main elements that determine foreign policy (3 marks)
- b) Describe any **THREE** Sources that affect foreign policy Formulation (6 marks)
- c) Elaborate on the three levels of Foreign Policy Analysis (6 marks)

**(d) Answer ALL Multiple Choice Questions**

1. The relations that nations establish among themselves are of higher priority than their respective national interests and powers. This struggle for power is preferred to domestic policy
  - A) True
  - B) False
2. The Bastion of revolution-liberator emphasizes the importance of promoting prestige and gaining influence in the international system by pursuing certain domestic policies.
  - A) True
  - B) False
3. When foreign policy makers consider their national role to be to act as a translator or conveyor of messages and information between peoples of different cultures. Then they are perceived to be seen as acting independently and being isolationists.
  - A) True
  - B) False
4. During the period 1947-90 both the United States and the USSR, recognized and used alliances as the means for consolidating their respective positions. The states were acting as faithful allies making a specific commitment to support the policies of another government.
  - A) True
  - B) False
5. The most important actor in virtually every country's foreign policy process is its head of government. These are most commonly titled president, prime minister, or premier.
  - A) True
  - B) False

6. Media can influence Foreign Policy in the following ways EXCEPT:
  - A) Public Opinion.
  - B) Enable policy makers pursue a policy by building public support.
  - C) Cause a particular policy outcome.
  - D) Causing policy makers choose a particular policy option.
7. Media performs its particular pluralist democratic role by :
  - A) providing neutral and truthful information.
  - B) showing political bias
  - C) reflecting the interests and values of the right wing government.
  - D) being subject to state control
8. The actor with the highest authority in decision making is:
  - A) The president
  - B) The citizens
  - C) The foreign ministers
  - D) All of the mentioned actors
9. Processes approach to Foreign Policy is also referred to as;
  - A) Cognitive decisional approach
  - B) Behavioural decisional approach
  - C) Human decisional behaviour
  - D) Cognitive behavioural decisions
10. All of the following are true concerning the armed forces or military EXCEPT:
  - A) helps in the application of the policy of deterrence
  - B) heightens the importance of survival of the nation-state.
  - C) provides information through institutions such as Department of Defense.
  - D) are a means of advancing terror
11. The study of the role of actors and structure in Foreign Policy is important because:
  - A) they are distinct from the outcome or decision
  - B) The choice of a specific policy is impacted by the actors and structures.
  - C) the government is the most critical player.
  - D) they are anti-military
12. Which of the following does NOT constitute a major element in the determination of foreign policy?
  - A) Citizen's rights
  - B) Domestic and International circumstances
  - C) Sovereignty of a state
  - D) Interdependence between states.
13. Which of the following is NOT true of Neo-realism?
  - A) there is a distinction between aggressive and defensive forms of neorealism
  - B) Kenneth Waltz was one of the originators of neo-realism
  - C) A country's foreign policy does not hold in high regard material power capabilities.
  - D) importance is placed on the source of aggression in search for security
14. International system analysis concentrates on the interaction, and foreign policy analysis on the following. Choose the most appropriate
  - A) states
  - B) actors
  - C) wealth and power of nations
  - D) external performances
15. "Balance of power" in international relations refers to
  - A) flexibility and stability of states
  - B) policies of non-alliance
  - C) matching the power of one state against the power of another
  - D) comparing the policies of nations

**Section B: Choose ANY two questions below:**

**QUESTION TWO**

There exist various models which can be applied to the foreign policy decision making process. One of them is the Rational Actor Model(RAM). After the 9/11 incident, USA government decided to invade the Afghanistan nation in retaliation. Apply RAM and ensure

- (a) You as the analyst focus on the goals and objectives of the USA government (5 marks)
- (b) Explain your understanding as to the reason USA considered invasion of Afghanistan to be a reasonable action (5 marks)
- (c) Explain any other alternative action USA would have taken after the 9/11 incident. (5 marks)

**QUESTION THREE**

Diplomacy is key in foreign policy relations between states. Currently there exists the Kenya- Somali Crisis.

- (a) In your own words describe the Kenya Somali Crisis and any two different types of diplomacy measures that can be applied. (6 marks)
- (b) Consider the various Regional Organization actors who have intervened in the crisis and give an in-depth analysis of the role of at least two of these actors in foreign policy relations to ease the tension between the two countries. (6 Marks)
- (c) Do you think Somalia is justified in its claims concerning IGAD findings and should it withdraw from the regional body? Explain your answer (3 Marks)

**QUESTION FOUR**

“Leadership in general and the personality of a leader in particular plays a profound role in foreign policy formulation”.

- (a) Describe any THREE conditions that impact the leadership of a country giving appropriate examples. (6 marks)
- (b) Elaborate on the areas of consideration in the organizational process of foreign policy formulation. (6 marks)
- (c) Briefly explain President Museveni’s role in the foreign policy of Uganda. (3 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE**

The United States has been dominant in the global politics. Its foreign policy formulations impact the world whether other states acknowledge this or ignore their superior power.

- (a) Describe your own understanding of American foreign policy during the cold war period. Ensure you cite contributions of any Two American Presidents. (6 marks)
- (b) Briefly explain any 2 foreign policy agreements between Former US President Trump and the rest of the world applying utilitarianism, giving clear impacts on relations with the respective states. (6 marks)
- (c) Explain one proposed foreign policy agreement by President Biden and how it enables USA pursue its national interests. (3 marks)