

# AII

## SEMINAR 8 – Answer Key International Relations

### Task 1

- 1) North Atlantic Treaty Organisation; 1949
- 2) New York; 1945
- 3) Finland
- 4) 25 - Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom
- 5) 732
- 6) India is not in the Security Council, but bids are being made to include it as a permanent member. There are ten non-permanent member countries with a rotating 2-year period; the 3 in the question will change in 2007.
- 7) China, France, Russia, U.K. & U.S.
- 8) Russia (the other G8 countries are US, Japan, UK, Germany, Italy, Canada & France)
- 9) Georgia, Russia, Afghanistan, Pakistan
- 10) The International Monetary Fund & World Bank were formed in 1944 to establish a new global economic order at the end of World War Two.



The **IMF** was intended to oversee currency values and act as a kind of 'credit union' from which national governments could make short-term loans. It has evolved into an international judge of countries' macroeconomic policies, offering loans on the condition of adopting free-market measures.



The **IBRD** (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) is commonly known as the **World Bank**. It was designed to loan money to rebuild war-torn and 'underdeveloped' nations. Most of its money has gone into big infrastructure projects such as dams, power plants and roads.

### Task 2

Civil Liberties – a, Amnesty – b, Comity – c, Keynote – d, Internationalism – e, Equal Opportunities – f, Red Herring – g, International Law – h, Welfare – i, Liberty – j

### Task 3

The purpose of the International Relations major is to provide students with both the foundational skills and specific **knowledge** necessary to analyze the behavior of **contemporary** countries.

The focus is on the study of the changing **relations** among nation-states – political, economic, and **cultural**.

Majors pursue a course of study in world politics that includes classes in political science, economics, history and languages, focusing on a **range** of issues including international security, international political economy, political and economic **development** and the politics of the **transition** to democracy.

International Relations majors are also **required** to complete at least one quarter of study abroad, and at least two years in a foreign **language**. The major prepares students for a variety of **careers** in government, non-governmental organizations (NGO), and business, both **domestic** and international, as well as for **graduate** school in law, business, economics or political science.

### Task 5 – Listening – Gap Fill

(1) minorities, (2) imported, (3) items, (4) efficiently, (5) commerce, (6) advanced, (7) women, (8) Turkish, (9) education, (10) rights, (11) task, (12) half, (13) 18<sup>th</sup>, (14) bad, (15) access, (16) damage, (17) wrong, (18) 300, (19) Egypt, (20) Arabic, (21) Response.

### Listening questions

1. What was the “turning point” for Islam and where did it happen? **The Ottoman Turks were defeated in their siege of Vienna by the Christian European states**
2. What is the name of Bernard Lewis’ book? **What Went Wrong: Western Impact and Middle Eastern Response**
3. Where did coffee come from originally? **Ethiopia** Sugar? **Iran, perhaps ultimately from India**
4. What did the Europeans learn to do better than the Arabs? **They learnt how to grow sugar and coffee more efficiently and cheaply (in their plantations)**
5. What was “lost” in the Islamic world? **A capacity for innovation**
6. The most **advanced**, the most **creative**, the most **inventive**.
7. What made a huge impression on the Arab World? **The status of women**
8. What are the four main aspects of “Western progress”? **Military Economic Political Scientific**
9. What did the Turkish writer in 1868 suggest? **That women had been neglected**
10. What did Attaturk campaign for? **Women’s rights – equal, particularly political**
11. a) What is the difference between corruption in the West and in the East? **In the West people make money and then buy power; in the East people seize power and then make money**  
b) In the author’s opinion, which does more damage? **The Eastern model**
12. According to the author, what is the key question? **What is going wrong? Why are they not advancing?**
13. What is another term for “conspiracy theory”? **The blame game**
14. What is one of the biggest problems in the Muslim Middle East? **The lack of freedom of discussion (or freedom of speech)**

### Task 6 – Grammar – Practice with Conjunctions and Linking Words

- 1) We are planning a series of conferences; *however/therefore* there will be a weekend devoted to International Relations in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.
- 2) I failed my exam precisely *although/because* I didn’t have time to study.
- 3) There is no record of the transaction in our files, *but/so* there is no proof that it ever took place.
- 4) The speaker is ill and will *therefore/because* be unable to lecture today.
- 5) John, *as/although* you speak French, I wonder if I could ask you about some words?
- 6) Some people believe that the politician died *because/since* he was poisoned.
- 7) Jerome Smith has ambitions in politics; *or/consequently* he is interested in the media.
- 8) **Since/Because** we have not heard from you, we assume that you have no objections to the proposal.
- 9) Everyone had arrived, *because/consequently* the meeting could begin.
- 10) **Since/However** everyone agreed, we went ahead with the proposal.
- 11) The talks broke down *in spite of/despite* the effort.
- 12) The parties did not reach an agreement *because/because of* their mutual suspicion.
- 13) **Because/Though** diplomatic relations were restored six months ago, ambassadors have not been exchanged yet.
- 14) **Due to/Since** widening differences the two countries broke off relations.
- 15) We did not agree on certain issues. In the end we made concessions, *though/however*.

### Grammar Notes

**Because** brings out the importance of the reason.

We could also use *as* or *since*, but they give less emphasis.

e.g. *Because* I lived further from school than any other student, I was often the last to arrive.

**Because** shows that the reason is the **main point** of the sentence; *since* or *as* would be impossible.

e.g. He is only helping me *because* he knows my father.

**Since/As** are used when the reason is **obvious** to the listener and *because* would give the reason too much emphasis.

e.g. *Since/As* you’ve already met each other, I don’t need to introduce you.

**Since** can sound a little more formal than *as*, but the difference between *as* and *since* is more of a personal style.

**Do not use *since/as* if there is any confusion with their other meanings of *from* or *while*.**