

This examination paper consists of THREE sections. Candidates are requested to attempt ALL sections and to read carefully the instructions within each section. ALL answers are to be written on the booklet provided.

Section A: Multiple Choice Questions

This section consists of twenty (20) multiple choice questions. Answer ALL questions. Each question has only ONE correct answer. There is no need to copy the whole answer. Each question carries two (2) marks. This section carries 40 marks.

1. The Management Committee of St. Vincent de Paule is part of the portfolio of
 - (a) Minister Dr Michael Farrugia
 - (b) Minister Mr Evarist Bartolo
 - (c) Minister Dr Edward Zammit Lewis
 - (d) Minister Ms Julia Farrugia Portelli
 - (e) Minister Mr Silvio Schembri
2. Who was the second President of the Republic of Malta?
 - (a) Ċensu Tabone
 - (b) Anthony Mamo
 - (c) Anton Buttigieg
 - (d) George Abela
 - (e) Ugo Mifsud Bonnici
3. When did Malta hold the revolving presidency of the Council of the EU for the first time?
 - (a) 1997
 - (b) 2010
 - (c) 1999
 - (d) 2000
 - (e) 2017
4. Consular Services provided by MFEA does not include
 - (a) Citizen Application
 - (b) Coordination of Major Government Projects
 - (c) Passport Applications
 - (d) Visa Services
 - (e) Legalisation
5. The portfolio of the Ministry within the Office of the Prime Minister of Mr. Carmelo Abela does not include one of the following. Which?
 - (a) Public Broadcasting
 - (b) Social Dialogue
 - (c) Minority Rights
 - (d) Industrial and Employment Relations
 - (e) Privatisation Unit
6. Malta's Permanent Representative to the UN in New York is
 - (a) Ambassador Vanessa Frazier
 - (b) Ambassador Ray Azzopardi
 - (c) Ambassador Keith Azzopardi
 - (d) Ambassador Carmel Vassallo
 - (e) Ambassador Charles Saliba
7. Malta hosted its second CHOGM meeting in
 - (a) 2000
 - (b) 1979
 - (c) 2016
 - (d) 2015
 - (e) 2002
8. Who was appointed as British High Commissioner to the Republic of Malta In October 2020?
 - (a) Louise Jane Stanton
 - (b) Katherine Ward
 - (c) Howard John Pearce
 - (d) Stuart William Gill
 - (e) Nicholas Archer

9. How many migrants from Malta has the UN migration agency IOM helped relocate to other European countries during 2020?
 - (a) 168
 - (b) 336
 - (c) 204
 - (d) 452
 - (e) 270
10. Choose the incorrect phrase/sentence regarding the USA political system:
 - (a) The Democratic Party demonstrates a centre-left ideological inclination
 - (b) It is mainly a three party system
 - (c) The Republican Party demonstrates a centre-right ideological inclination
 - (d) Elections are held every 4 years
 - (e) 50 States participate
11. Which of the following reasons for pursuing impeachment in the USA is not valid?
 - (a) Presidential corruption
 - (b) Negligence
 - (c) Tyranny
 - (d) Incapacity
 - (e) Family problems
12. Reverend Raphael Warlock is the first Democrat
 - (a) elected from the State of Oregon
 - (b) elected from the State of Georgia
 - (c) elected from the State of Texas
 - (d) elected from the State of California
 - (e) elected from the State of Colorado
13. Which of the following statements regarding the UN is incorrect?
 - (a) Its Chief Administrative Officer is Secretary-General Antonio Guterres of Portugal
 - (b) It is made up of 193 Member States
 - (c) The UN was founded in 1950
 - (d) It provides fora for its members to explore areas of agreement in disputes
 - (e) Its Security Council is responsible for maintenance of international peace and security.
14. The 2020 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to:
 - (a) International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons
 - (b) European Union
 - (c) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
 - (d) World Food Programme
 - (e) Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
15. On the 10th of September 2020 a refugee camp was completely destroyed by fire. Where?
 - (a) Hal Far
 - (b) Lesbos
 - (c) Lampedusa
 - (d) Sicily
 - (e) Calais France
16. Ethiopia, Egypt and Sudan are in disagreement over:
 - (a) construction of a hydro-electric dam
 - (b) border checks
 - (c) their foreign policy
 - (d) migration
 - (e) cultural differences
17. Which of the following Italian political parties is not one of the major parties in the coalition headed by Giuseppe Conte?
 - (a) Movimento Cinque Stelle
 - (b) Forza Italia
 - (c) Italia in Comune
 - (d) Lega Nord
 - (e) Partito Democratico



18. Who of the following is the Head of State of Azerbaijan?
(a) Vladimir Putin
(b) Bashar al-Assad
(c) Emmanuel Jean-Michel Macron
(d) Alexander Lukashenko
(e) Ilham Aliyev
19. Which of the following countries left OPEC last Year?
(a) Venezuela
(b) Ecuador
(c) Algeria
(d) Saudi Arabia
(e) Angola
20. Which of the following countries is a member of NATO?
(a) Spain
(b) Malta
(c) Mexico
(d) Russia
(e) Switzerland

Section B: Speech Writing

Carefully read the following situation and then write a speech of between 500 and 550 words as indicated. This section carries **80 marks**.

The Minister for Foreign and European Affairs will be addressing a meeting of Foreign Ministers of the Union for the Mediterranean about the current situation in the Mediterranean.

You are expected to prepare a draft speech for the Minister highlighting briefly the role that Malta has played over the years as a bridge between Europe and North Africa. In your draft you should make reference also to specific current regional conflicts which are a source of instability in the Mediterranean, outlining also Malta's position on these disputes.

Section C: Argumentative Essay

Choose **ONE** of the following titles and write an essay of about 600 and 650 words on the chosen topic. This section carries **80 marks**.

1. Write an article for a well established English Newspaper of international repute outlining Malta's efforts to resolve the Libyan Conflict.
2. "In a world of complex threats, our security and leadership depends on all elements of our power – including strong and principled diplomacy" (Barak Obama). Discuss.
3. How far do you agree with the following statement by John Roos: "Diplomacy is fundamentally working with people, bringing people together to deal with difficult issues."
4. The roles and function of diplomacy in addressing conflicts around the world.
5. "Presidents should do whatever is possible and practical to encourage an environment of cooperation and bipartisanship. And they should maintain a certain level of decorum, diplomacy and decency. But at the end of the day, presidents get elected to enact change." (Mark McKinnon) Analyse this statement in the light of the recent US Presidential Elections.
6. "In the emerging world of ethnic conflict and civilizational clash, Western belief in the universality of Western culture suffers from three problems: it is false; it is immoral; and it is dangerous." — (Samuel P Huntington, *The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order*). How far do you agree with this statement?

Total: 200 marks

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