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Examination for the Post of Second Secretary within the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade

Subject: English
Date: 2022
Time: 09:00 – 12:00 (Three hours)

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. Which of these is not a UN Specialized Agency?
 - a. IMF
 - b. ITU
 - c. CVO
 - d. ILO
 - e. UNESCO
2. Where is the IMF Headquarters situated?
 - a. Geneva - Switzerland
 - b. Rome - Italy
 - c. Paris - France
 - d. Ontario - Canada
 - e. Washington, DC – USA
3. Which of the following is not a UN Fund or Programme?
 - a. WWW
 - b. UNICEF
 - c. UN - HABITAT
 - d. WFP
 - e. UNEP
4. WTP is a United Nations Programme that aims:
 - a. to promote alternative energy
 - b. to eradicate hunger and malnutrition
 - c. to foster peace and harmony
 - d. to promote the environment
 - e. to protect birds.
5. Which of the following is the voice of the environment within the United Nations system?
 - a. WFP
 - b. UNEP
 - c. UNICEF
 - d. UN- HABITAT
 - e. UNDP
6. In what year was the United Nations founded?
 - a. 1915
 - b. 1925
 - c. 1935
 - d. 1945
 - e. 1955
7. How many principal organisations does the United Nations have?
 - a. 2
 - b. 3
 - c. 4
 - d. 5
 - e. 6

8. The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2021 was awarded to:
 - a. David Zimmerman and John Bailey
 - b. David Attenborough and Mary Howard
 - c. David Julius and Ardem Patapoutian
 - d. David Holmes and Peter Ball
 - e. David Jones and Arthur Hailey.
9. Who of the following gentlemen was not a Minister of Foreign Affairs in Malta?
 - a. Hon. Helmut Kohl
 - b. Hon. Tonio Borg
 - c. Hon. Vincent Tabone
 - d. Hon. Guido De Marco
 - e. Hon. Evarist Bartolo
10. Nato is an alliance between how many countries?
 - a. 18
 - b. 28
 - c. 38
 - d. 48
 - e. 58
11. The Treaty of Lisbon and the Charter of Fundamental Rights set out the values of the EU. Which of the following was not included in these values?
 - a. Democracy
 - b. Rule of Law
 - c. Affluency
 - d. Equality
 - e. Human Rights
12. Malta has been a member of the Commonwealth of Nations since:
 - a. 1994
 - b. 1984
 - c. 1974
 - d. 1964
 - e. 1954
13. How many countries recognize Malta as a sovereign State?
 - a. 106
 - b. 107
 - c. 108
 - d. 109
 - e. 110
14. With regards to the European Parliament, which of the following statements is incorrect?
 - a. The European Parliament is based in Rome, Paris and Madrid
 - b. The European Parliament is the only directly elected body within the EU
 - c. The Parliament has 705 seats
 - d. Elections to fill these seats are held in all member states every five years
 - e. The European Parliament is part of the legislative or law making process in the EU.
15. In September 2018, the United States, Mexico, and Canada reached an agreement to replace NAFTA with the United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement (USMCA). By which date the three countries had ratified this change?
 - a. by December 2020
 - b. by May 2020
 - c. by March 2020
 - d. by January 2020
 - e. by September 2020

16. How many Embassies does Malta have?
- 23
 - 24
 - 25
 - 26
 - 27
17. Which of the following countries opted out from the EU?
- Germany
 - Sweden
 - UK
 - France
 - Italy
18. Who was the President of the USA immediately before Joe Biden?
- Barak Obama
 - Donald Trump
 - George Bush Snr
 - Bill Clinton
 - George Bush Jr
19. Which is the parent organisation of the European Court of Human Rights?
- United Nations
 - Council for the Disadvantaged
 - Council of Europe
 - Council of Democratic Countries
 - Amnesty International
20. In which year Malta ratified the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons?
- 21 June 2020
 - 21 July 2020
 - 21 August 2020
 - 21 September 2020
 - 21 October 2020

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 and Trade will address a special session of the Foreign Affairs Council of the EU about the Covid-19 pandemic.

You are invited to prepare a draft speech for the Minister making reference to how Malta has addressed the pandemic. You should also highlight the importance of cooperation among EU Member States to fight Covid-19 mentioning also specific examples of acts of solidarity by the Maltese Government towards other countries to help them fight the pandemic.

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**.

- The EU should exclude member states if they violate democratic standards. Discuss.
- “Malta intends to give special attention to the Mediterranean dimension in its contribution to stability, peace and security in the region.” Account for this statement while referring particularly to the Libyan conflict.
- How important and effective do you think is the foreign policy of a small state/country such as Malta in a universal scenario?
- Discuss what would be the role of a Second Secretary within the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs.
- Some underestimate the benefits of immigration, others overestimate its benefits. Discuss

Total: 200marks

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