

Global Politics Higher level Paper 2

Thursday 21 May 2015 (morning)

2 hours 45 minutes

Instructions to candidates

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer three questions, each from a different unit of study. Each question is worth [25 marks].
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is [75 marks].

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Power, sovereignty and international relations

- **1.** Examine the claim that increased interactions and interconnectedness in global politics have fundamentally changed the nature of state sovereignty.
- **2.** Power is often assumed to be linked to the possession of, or access to, resources. Discuss the validity of this view.

Human rights

- **3.** "Human rights covenants and treaties can limit development in newly industrializing economies." To what extent do you agree with this claim?
- **4.** Discuss the extent to which cultural relativism can be used to justify different concepts of human rights.

Development

- **5.** Evaluate the view that globalization harms rather than benefits the poorest people in countries with the lowest incomes.
- **6.** Discuss the view that sustainable development will never be achieved until state and non-state actors can be persuaded or forced to act in the common interest.

Peace and conflict

- **7.** Peacebuilding is arguably more important than peacemaking, yet it is given much less funding and attention. To what extent do you agree with this claim?
- **8.** Discuss why non-violent protest is sometimes able to achieve success against even the most powerful of opponents.