MARCH 2016

FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS

Instructions to candidates:
a)   Time allowed: Three hours (plus an extra ten minutes' reading time at the start – do not write anything during this time)
b)   Answer any FIVE questions
c)   All questions carry equal marks. Marks for each question are shown in [ ]

1.   Foreign policy decisions and actions can often be undermined by poor quality in decision making. Much attention is given, therefore, by governments to assessing ways in which the quality of decision making can be improved. Assess the ways which have been identified to improve the quality of foreign policy decision making. [20]

2.   Constructivism as a concept has a long history in influencing the approach to foreign policy making. Review the concept of constructivism and explain how it has influenced foreign policy making. [20]

3.   Economic statecraft has become an increasing feature of foreign policy making. A number of instruments have been developed to support countries adopting economic statecraft as a policy. Review the key instruments that have been developed to support the pursuit of a policy of economic statecraft. [20]

4.   In the modern global media environment, TV, newspapers and other channels of communication can have a significant impact on foreign policy decision making. Analyse the ways in which the media can influence foreign policy. Support your answer with examples. [20]

5.   Explain the concept of realist foreign policy analysis. To illustrate your answer, give examples of realist policies adopted by countries. [20]

6.   An important strand of foreign policy making is the assessment of the role of actors and structures. Analyse why this is the case, giving examples to support your answer. [20]

7.   Critically review the reasons for the growing importance and influence of India in the World Trade Organisation. [20]

8.   Liberal concepts and thinking have a long tradition of influencing foreign policy decision making. Review how liberal concepts have influenced foreign policy, illustrating your answer with examples. [20]