



International Organisations

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Duration: 120 minutes

Instructions:

- Please check the number of sheets upon receipt of the exam. The exam paper has 4 pages and 4 questions.
- Each question is weighted separately. Points are allocated to the questions as follows:

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| Question 1 | 35 points | 17.5 % |
| Question 2 | 55 points | 27.5 % |
| Question 3 | 56 points | 28.0 % |
| Question 4 | 54 points | 27.0 % |
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| Total | 200 points | 100 % |

We wish you best of luck!

Question 1

- 1.1** Provide the following details on the OSCE:
- a)** In which year was the OSCE established?
 - b)** What was the OSCE's name when it was established?
 - c)** What was the OSCE's original purpose?
 - d)** What is the main purpose of the OSCE today?
- 1.2** Name five areas in which the OSCE is currently active.
- 1.3** Name the following bodies of the OSCE:
- a)** the two main decision-making bodies;
 - b)** the main executive body; and
 - c)** two other bodies.
- 1.4** Why is the OSCE also known as "mini United Nations"?

Question 2

- 2.1** What are the main features of:
- a)** international organisations in general?
 - b)** supranational organisations in particular?
- 2.2** What are the main features of non-governmental organisations?
- 2.3** Under which conditions may a member terminate its membership in an international organisation?

Question 3

- 3.1 What are the main purposes of the United Nations (hereinafter “UN”)?
- 3.2 What are the legal effects of resolutions adopted by:
- the UN General Assembly?
 - the UN Security Council?
- 3.3 Read the following excerpts from the UN Charter:

Article 2(7): Nothing contained in the present Charter shall authorize the United Nations to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state [...].

Article 6: A Member of the United Nations which has persistently violated the Principles contained in the present Charter may be expelled from the Organization by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council.

Article 10: The General Assembly may discuss any questions or any matters within the scope of the present Charter or relating to the powers and functions of any organs provided for in the present Charter, and [...] may make recommendations to the Members of the United Nations or to the Security Council or to both on any such questions or matters.

Article 18(1): Each member of the General Assembly shall have one vote.

Article 18(2): Decisions of the General Assembly on important questions shall be made by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting. These questions shall include: recommendations with respect to the maintenance of international peace and security, the election of the non-permanent members of the Security Council, the election of the members of the Economic and Social Council, the election of members of the Trusteeship Council in accordance with paragraph 1(c) of Article 86, the admission of new Members to the United Nations, the suspension of the rights and privileges of membership, the expulsion of Members, questions relating to the operation of the trusteeship system, and budgetary questions.

Article 27(1): Each member of the Security Council shall have one vote.

Article 27(2): Decisions of the Security Council on procedural matters shall be made by an affirmative vote of nine members.

Article 27(3): Decisions of the Security Council on all other matters shall be made by an affirmative vote of nine members including the concurring votes of the permanent members; provided that, in decisions under Chapter VI,

and under paragraph 3 of Article 52, a party to a dispute shall abstain from voting.

Considering the excerpts above, answer the following questions:

- a) Russia has been blocking any resolution of the UN Security Council on the current Russia-Ukraine war. Is there a way in which the UN may take a stand on this war?
- b) Could Russia be expelled from the UN?
- c) Could Russia terminate its membership in the UN on its own initiative?

Question 4

Answer the following questions on the European Union (hereinafter “EU”):

- 4.1 Explain the legislative procedure of the EU and its impact on the legislative procedure of the EU member states.
- 4.2 Name the EU institutions that are involved in the EU legislative procedure and set out their general area of competence.
- 4.3 Explain the following legal acts of the EU:
 - a) regulation;
 - b) directive;
 - c) decision;
 - d) recommendation; and
 - e) opinion.

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