

University of New Hampshire

Spring Semester, AY 2017-18

Political Science 561: The International Political Economy

TAKE-HOME EXAMINATION V (15%)

Due at the beginning of class on 23 April 2018

I expect, and will grade accordingly, that you will comply with the following:

- 1) Essays will be single-spaced with normal default spacing, 1" margins, and of required length or the handwritten equivalent. You will use a font with a size of 11 or 12 and a face such as Times New Roman or the equivalent. Examples of faces you will not use are *courier new* and **O C R**. *Failure to use an appropriate font can cost a 0.5 cut on each essay. Excessively short essays can cost a 0.5 cut for each such essay.*
- 2) If the requirement is for a "short essay," such an essay will closer in length to a ½ page than not.
- 3) Each essay will begin with a topic sentence or a thesis statement. *Failure to do this will cost 0.25 each essay.*
- 4) Remember the need to give credit where credit is due. Look again at the syllabus section on citing sources and plagiarism. When you draw from a reading or another source, credit the reading or source with a note in the form – (Bressler, p. 180). *If I find generally inadequate sourcing, I will assign a cut of up to full grade. If there is inadequate sourcing in an essay, I will assign a cut of 0.5 to that essay.*
- 5) You may collaborate, in accordance with the syllabus, on essays marked with a ♦. **In this exam, these are the tasks at 23 & 24.** For all other tasks, you may not collaborate. You may, however, use another student's class notes (not exam notes), but this must be done without reference to a specific question. In other words, you cannot just say something like: "Let me see your notes pertaining to question 32." If you collaborate on a marked question or use material gained from another student, credit that student with a footnote in the form – (Sarah Smith).

THE LESS DEVELOPED WORLD IN THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

MON 9 APR

Topic: Some Aspects of the Less Developed World – the Human Problem

Wikipedia, "Poverty"

1. (2) **In a paragraph**, *define* poverty (Besides the first sentence of the article, look at definitions.) and *define* absolute poverty.
2. (0.5) In what two regions is poverty most prevalent in the world?
3. (2) **In a paragraph**, *describe* the trends regarding poverty.
4. (3) **In a short essay**, *describe* the characteristics (effects) of poverty.

My website: *The Economist*, 1 September 2012, "The geography of poverty"

5. (4) **In a short essay**, *describe* the conclusions in *The Economist* article.

My website: *The Economist*, October 2nd-8th, 2010, "Measuring global poverty: whose problem now?"

6. (4) **In a short essay**, describe the finding of Andy Sumner, "Global poverty and the New Bottom Billion," Institute of Development Studies.

My website: World Hunger Organization, "World Hunger, Poverty, Facts and Statistics," 2016

7. (0.5) How many people in the world were suffering from chronic undernourishment in 2014-2016?

WED 11 APR

Topic: Theoretical Perspectives and Development

Cohn, Chapter 3, "Neomercantilism," pp. 67-68

8. (3) **In a short-essay**, describe the neomercantilist attitude toward the LDCs.

Cohn, Chapter 4, "Liberalism," pp. 92-94

9. (4) **In a short essay**, describe the liberal approach to LDC development.

Cohn, Chapter 5, "Critical Perspectives," pp. 103-106.

10. (4) **In a short essay**, describe historical materialism.

Cohn, Chapter 5, "Critical Perspectives," pp. 108-110

11. (4) **In a short essay**, describe the dependency theory.

My website: *Infochange*, Joshi, "Theories of development: modernisation vs dependency"

12. (5) **In a ½-page essay**, contrast modernization theory with the dependency theory.

MON 16 APR

Topic: Development and Some Trade Issues

Cohn, Chapter 7, "Global Trade Relations," pp. 236-240

13. (5) **In a ¾-page essay**, describe the five stages of LDC participation in the GATT process.

Cohn, Chapter 10, "Multinational Corporations and Global Production," pp. 307-318

14. (4) **In a short essay**, describe the concept of obsolescing bargain model.
15. (6) **In a ½-page essay**, describe LDC policies toward MNCs.
16. (4) **In a short essay**, describe the relations of MNCs and their home countries in terms of labor.
17. (5) **In a ½-page essay**, describe the relations of MNCs and their home countries in terms of competitiveness.

WED 18 APR

Topic: Approaches to International Development

Cohn, Chapter 11, "International Development," pp. 339-340, 350-352, 354-357, 359-366, & 371-373. You might wish to look at 371-373 before responding to tasks 17-20.

18. (4) **In a short essay**, *describe* how the three IPE perspectives view the LDCs.
19. (5) **In a ½-page essay**, *describe* the LDC development strategy of import substitution industrialization.
20. (5) **In a ½-page essay**, *describe* the LDC development strategy of export-led growth.
21. (6) **In a ½-page essay**, *describe* the “shift” in development strategy, late 1980s to the present. (pp. 350, 359-366)
22. (6) **In a ½-page essay**, *describe* the conclusions that Cohn discusses on pages 371-373.

My website: Harris, “Basic Principles of Sustainable Development,” Section 1, June 2000

23. “The growing awareness of these challenges to traditional development thinking has led to the increasingly wide acceptance of a new concept.”
◆(7) **In a 3/4-page essay**, *describe* those challenges.

Cohn, Chapter 12, “Concluding Comments,” pp. 401-405

Dasgupta, “Epilogue,” pp. 158-160.

24. ◆(7) **In a 3/4-page essay**, *discuss*:
 - a. Dasgupta’s conclusion regarding the best Becky’s world can do.
 - b. Recognizing the limitations of Dasgupta’s conclusion, how you would approach LDC development, drawing on all the readings on this exam.