

POLT 562: Strategy and National Security

TAKE-HOME HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY QUIZ

Due 6 September 2017 at the beginning of the class

- I. Historical events since World War II. (1 point each)
- a. When did the Berlin Blockade begin and end?
 - b. When did the USSR get a nuclear capability?
 - c. When was the People's Republic of China proclaimed?
 - d. When was the North Atlantic treaty signed?
 - e. When did the Korean War start and when was the armistice signed?
 - f. When was France defeated in Indo-China and North Vietnam become communist?
 - g. When was the Berlin Wall started?
 - h. When did the Cuban Missile Crisis start and when did it end?
 - i. When was the Tonkin Gulf Resolution approved?
 - j. (1) When did the last African colony become independent?
 - k. When were the Paris Peace Accords signed and by when did all U.S. forces leave Vietnam?
 - l. When did South Vietnam fall to the North Vietnamese?
 - m. (1) When were the two world oil crises (oil shocks)?
 - n. When did the U.S. switch its recognition from the Republic of China on Taiwan to the People's Republic of China?
 - o. When did Iran become an Islamic republic?
 - p. When did Gorbachev become the leader of the USSR?
 - q. When did the Berlin Wall start to come down?
 - r. When did the USSR agree to a unified Germany inside of NATO?
 - s. When did the USSR formally dissolve?
 - t. When did Putin become the leader of Russia?
 - u. When were the 9-11 attacks on the U.S.?
 - v. When did the U.S. invade Afghanistan and then Iraq?
 - w. When did the U.S. implement sanctions against Russia after its occupation of Crimea?
- II. Describe the following geographic locations and name the state(s) to which they belong and, if there is an ownership issue or an unusual circumstance, describe that issue. (2 points each):
1. Kaliningrad
 2. Kashmir
 3. The Golan Heights
 4. the Islamic Maghreb
 5. Tripoli

6. The Kuril Islands
7. The Strait of Hormuz
8. The Spratly Islands
9. Donetsk
10. Federally Administered Tribal Areas
11. The Baltic States
12. South Ossetia
13. Arunachal Pradesh, including Tawang

III. Describe the following: (2 points each):

1. Hezbollah
2. Al Qaeda
3. The Taliban
4. ISIL
5. South China Sea Claim

IV. Describe the conflict in the following: (2 points each):

1. Nigeria
2. Libya
3. Honduras
4. Ukraine
5. The Democratic Republic of the Congo
6. South Sudan
7. Yemen

V. Name all the states that have land borders with the following: (2 points each)

1. The Russian Federation
2. Iraq
3. The Democratic Republic of the Congo
4. China
5. Sudan
6. Afghanistan

VI. Name:

1. The state with the largest population in Africa, include the number. (1 point)
Which African state has the second largest population in Africa? (1 point)
2. In order and with figures, the four states with the largest populations in the world (1 point)
3. The states that are currently members of NATO. (2 points)

VII. Miscellaneous: (2 points each)

1. Describe the flight path, if you were to fly the shortest distance to Moscow from Los Angeles.

2. What is the approximate distance from China to Taiwan?
3. Where is the Aegean Sea and which country controls most of it?
4. The Kurdish population is spread primarily over which three countries?
5. Describe the area, not a single state, where the population is predominately Islamic.