

Exam #2 Review Sheet • PSCI 4820 (Fall 2011)

- You will have the scheduled exam period to complete both sections of the exam, so it is to your advantage to be prepared at the beginning of class. No notes or other materials will be permitted during the exam.
- Bluebooks will be provided for you.
- Note that no bathroom breaks are permitted during the exam -- once you leave the room, you can't return. Also, be on time -- once the first person leaves the room, anybody else who enters will lose 5 letter grades.
- Advice on taking this particular exam format -- including a sample of an "A" answer to illustrate what I'm looking for -- is available at <<http://www.paulhensel.org/teachexam.html>>.

Section I: Identifications (30 points)

FOUR (4) of the following concepts will be on the exam; you must answer THREE (3) of them. For each concept you must (a) provide a definition and (where relevant) one or more examples, and (b) explain its significance or importance from the perspective of this course.

Ahistorical Approaches
History as an Artificial Construct
Gavrilo Princip
Lessons of Vietnam
Preconceptions & Biases
Political Socialization Theory
"The Greatest Generation"
Generational Learning
PD game
Chicken Game

Iterated Games
Shadow of the Future
Colonialism
Direct Colonial Rule
Uti Possidetis
Societal Mobilization
Fashoda
War of the Pacific
Enduring Rivalry
Proto-Rivalry

BRL Model
Political Shocks
"Breaking the Ice"
Early Developers
Late Developers
Late-Late Developers
Advantages of Backwardness
Barrier/Wave Models
Historical Norm
The "Third Wave"

Section II: Essay (30 points)

ONE (1) of the following questions will be on the exam; you must answer that question. The essay will be graded on the coherence of the answer, as well as on the accuracy and appropriateness of each topic used to support the answer. Note that a "theoretical topic" is a distinct topic covered in class; "interstate rivalry" is a theoretical topic, but "BRL model of rivalry" and "evolutionary model of rivalry" are not (because they are part of the topic of rivalry), nor are "the Cold War" or "Gavrilo Princip" (because they are examples rather than theoretical topics in their own right).

Also, note that "history matters" or "there are many lessons from history" is not a good line of argument.

1. In the novel *In Country*, a character who had fought in the Vietnam War proclaims that "What you learn from history is that you can't learn from history." Is this statement correct, or is it incomplete or misleading? Evaluate this as a general statement about the influence(s) of history on world politics, supporting your evaluation by discussing three different theoretical topics covered in this course. (Note that you do not need to discuss the Vietnam War in your answer; treat this as a statement about the value of history generally rather than about the Vietnam War specifically.)
2. Napoleon Bonaparte is reported to have stated that "History is the version of past events that people have decided to agree upon." Is this statement correct, or is it incomplete or misleading? Evaluate this as a general statement about the influence(s) of history on world politics, supporting your evaluation by discussing three different theoretical topics covered in this course. (Note that you do not need to discuss the Napoleonic Wars in your answer; treat this as a statement about the value of history generally rather than about Napoleon's era specifically.)
3. Upon the 70th anniversary of the start of World War II, Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin declared in a Polish newspaper that "We must learn the lessons of history if we want to have a peaceful and happy future." Is this statement correct, or is it incomplete or misleading? Evaluate this as a general statement about the influence(s) of history on world politics, supporting your evaluation by discussing three different theoretical topics covered in this course. (Note that you do not need to discuss World War II in your answer; treat this as a statement about the value of history generally rather than about World War II specifically.)