

MASTER'S DEGREE EXAMINATION

Study major: International Economics (*inf. 23/24*)

1. Recalling international trade theories and their authors, explain why countries trade with each other.
2. Choose two theories of international trade that explain the causes of trade between countries and discuss their assumptions, pointing out similarities and differences.
3. Explain under what conditions countries will not trade with each other. Discuss how rejecting one of the conditions affects the causes and benefits of international trade.
4. Discuss the usefulness of international trade theory for explaining international trade in goods and services within global value chains.
5. Discuss the dispute that exists in the literature on how to explain the causes of international trade in services.
6. Discuss the concept of free and fair international trade.
7. Discuss, using an example, the effects of the state's protectionist policies from the point of view of their impact on social welfare.
8. Explain the differences between traditional and value-added approaches to measuring international trade. Discuss the implications of these differences for shaping trade policy.
9. Explain how ICT achievements affect international trade and production.
10. Describe the enterprise considered in the analysis of the new-new international trade theory.
11. Explain the problem of recognizing the sources of investment capital that causes some countries of origin of capital to remain undervalued and others to be heavily overvalued.
12. Discuss the effects of process specialization in companies participating in the contemporary international division of labor.
13. Discuss the types of exchange rate systems in the context of the evolution of the international monetary system.
14. Present the definition of the SDR and discuss the role of the SDR in the contemporary monetary system.
15. Discuss the implications of the balance of payments development for assessing the country's economic and financial situation.
16. Present a definition of a financial crisis and indicate the causes of such crises.
17. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of investing in cryptocurrencies.
18. Present a definition of non-bank financial institutions (shadow banking) and describe their importance in the modern financial system.
19. Discuss the importance of tax havens in the modern financial system.
20. Define the term fintech and outline the role of the digitalisation of finance in the modern financial system.
21. Discuss the role of the International Monetary Fund in the international financial system.
22. Explain the concept and discuss the importance of quantitative easing in containing the 2008 financial crisis.

23. Discuss the three types of actors involved in the creation of the global institutional framework.
24. Compare the liberal and realistic approaches to global political economy.
25. Explain the importance of unequal distribution of costs and benefits of international trade (i.e. the Stolper-Samuleson theorem) in the process of liberalization.
26. Discuss the types of protectionist measures that are allowed by the World Trade Organization (WTO).
27. Provide two solutions the tragedy of the commons in supranational multilateral relations.
28. Discuss the division of tasks between the two international organizations established during the Bretton Woods Conference in 1944.
29. Explain the differences between open, conditionally open and closed international agreements. Give one example of each.
30. Discuss one international agreement based on the principle of multilateral balance of power.
31. Present the degree of integration in the European Single Market in light of B. Balassa's stages of economic integration.
32. Outline the economic consequences of the elimination of physical and technical barriers within the free movement of goods in the European Union.
33. Explain the concept of technical harmonization within the free movement of goods in the European Single Market.
34. Outline the economic consequences of the free movement of workers in the EU in terms of the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of nationality.
35. Discuss the economic consequences of differences in the operation of businesses under the freedom to provide services and freedom of establishment in the European Single Market.
36. Outline the economic mechanisms governing the posting of workers under the freedom to provide services in the EU.
37. Outline the concept of fiscal harmonization within the European Single Market.
38. Explain the role/share of which category of state aid to entrepreneurs in the European Single Market should grow. Justify your answer.
39. Explain what social security coordination is within the European Single Market.
40. Outline the mechanisms of public intervention and their potential effects on the functioning of the European Single Market using a selected European fund as an example.
41. Outline the criteria for the exclusion of free trade areas and the customs union from the application of the most favoured nation clause under the GATT/WTO rules.
42. Outline the procedure for the conclusion of economic (including trade) agreements by the EU.
43. Discuss the possibilities for member states to influence the final shape of economic, including trade agreements concluded by the EU with third countries.
44. Explain how the EU's approach to economic relations with African, Caribbean and Pacific countries is changing.
45. Outline the main economic/trade problems in relations between the EU and China.
46. Outline the main economic/trade problems in relations between the EU and the US.

47. Outline the evolution of economic relations between the EU and MERCOSUR countries.
48. What is the evolution of free trade areas established by the EU with third countries.
49. Discuss the main features of the Common Customs Tariff of the EU in comparison with the tariffs of the US and China.
50. Explain what an international market is and what its elements are.
51. Discuss indicators of the openness of the economy.
52. Discuss the elements that make up an analysis of the international environment.
53. Discuss the dimensions of competitiveness and explain the difference between the competitive ability and the competitive position.
54. Explain what clusters are and how they affect the competitiveness of the economy.
55. Discuss the determinants of price elasticity of demand in the context of changes in the competitiveness of goods in the international market.
56. Explain what should be considered when characterizing the attributes of an economy as a business location.
57. Explain what PESTEL analysis is and what it is used for.
58. Compare the concept of national innovation capacity with the concept of national innovation systems.
59. Compare the traditional and contemporary model of innovation policy, taking into account the goals and tools used.
60. Describe the contemporary innovation policy in the European Union.
61. Describe the principles, goals and main tools of the US innovation policy.
62. Explain the importance of international cooperation for shaping innovation policy. Give examples of countries using international cooperation effectively.
63. Present the principles and methods of innovation policy evaluation.
64. Explain the usefulness of annual rankings of countries according to their innovativeness and discuss advantages and disadvantages of composite innovation indices.
65. Explain the importance of technology foresight and discuss its principles.
66. Discuss the economic measures of sustainability and their application.
67. Discuss the economic challenges and constraints to sustainable development.
68. Discuss the economic dimension of global climate policy for sustainable development.
69. Discuss the activities of international organisations and international financial institutions for sustainable development using an example.
70. Discuss the EU's economic and social policy for sustainable development.
71. Discuss the concept of sustainability in business using an example.
72. Discuss the economic dimension of sustainable development from an individual perspective.
73. Discuss the differences between tangible and intangible goods, and services. Please provide examples.
74. Explain what the servitization of economies is.
75. Discuss the challenges of international trade in services and the ongoing changes in this regard.
76. Discuss the modes of international service supply in international markets. Please provide examples.
77. Compare the different ways of measuring international trade in services and discuss the implications of these differences.

78. Discuss the types of barriers to international trade in services, taking into account the modes of service supply according to GATS/WTO.
79. Discuss the reasons for growing foreign investment in business services in Poland. Give examples of service centers established in Poland by foreign companies.
80. Explain the term and discuss in detail what the "rule of law" (Article 2 of the Polish Constitution) consists of.
81. Compare the constitutional values of the Polish Constitution with the constitutional values of the EU (Article 2 of the TEU).
82. Review the legal instruments with which the EU can defend itself against a member's violation of the values expressed in Article 2 of the TEU.
83. Explain why a country's accession/admission to the Council of Europe precursors its accession/ admission to the EU or NATO.
84. Discuss the limits to the freedom of speech.
85. Clarify the legal basis for preferential treatment of selected individuals (e.g., a pregnant woman or a person with a disability) against the background of everyone's right to equal treatment.
86. Explain whether the human right to complain against the Polish government to the European Court of Human Rights does or does not violate Poland's sovereignty. Justify your statement.
87. Explain why the annexation of part or all of a state's territory is – from the point of view of international law – invalid and illegal (you can evoke a specific case).
88. Explain the substance and function of the state's obligation to perform international obligations "in good faith".
89. Evaluate the legal basis and content of the prohibition of aggression. Explain what actions constitute aggression.
90. Point out what limits a state's right to exercise sovereignty.
91. Analyze the functions of peremptory norms of international law (ius cogens)
92. Explain the sense of the notion that the state guarantees (rather than grants) human rights and freedoms.
93. Explain the meaning of the principle of "equality of states" and the implications of this principle for the functioning of the international community.
94. Discuss the advantages to countries of participating in the United Nations System.
95. Describe the functions of a diplomatic mission.
96. Explain when economic theory suggests that international cooperation can be effective.
97. Give examples of externalities in international relations.
98. Explain how the costs and benefits of size and heterogeneity affect the formation and disintegration of states.
99. Discuss what economic effects a state may consider when delegating its authority to international bodies.
100. Discuss, from the perspective of behavioral economics, when a state will seek to conclude an international treaty and what factors will influence its construction.

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