Possible Research Topics: Introduction to Global Issues

Global warming
Bio diversity and ecosystem losses
Fisheries depletion
Deforestation
Water deficits
Maritime safety and pollution
Massive step-up in the fight against poverty
Peacekeeping and conflict prevention
Combating terrorism
Education for all
Global infectious diseases
Digital divide
National disaster prevention and mitigation
Biotechnology rules
Global financial architecture
Illegal drugs
Intellectual property rights
E-Commerce rules
International labor and migration rules
Child labor
Weapons of Mass Destruction
Military- led Humanitarian Intervention
U.S. Built National Missile Defense System
The Role of International Financial Institutions in globalization
The gap between rich and poor countries
Accountability for war crimes and Human Rights Violations
Aspirations for self-determination
Refugees
AIDS pandemic
Fighting Corruption, strategies
Trafficking and the global sex industry
Money Laundering
Offshore centres
The demise of the Nation-State
Cultural globalization: The Role of Media
Cultural Imperialism
Fundamentalist responses of globalization
Political globalization
Democracy
Explaining globalization
Debating globalization
Development Aid
Accountability in International Development Aid
Population Explosion
Globalization or Empire
International Trade
Small Arms
Global Backlash
Global Energy (e.g. Oil)
Global Rule of Law
Global Disaster
Coordination Among States
International Organizations and The Management of Global Issues
International Conferences
Regional Groups of States
Global Justice Issues
Right to Food
Introduction To Global Issues: Study Guide Examination #1

1. Globalization: a contested concept
2. Core theses on globalization
3. Basic tenets of globalization
4. Forms of globalization
5. Advantages and disadvantages of globalization
6. Who wants globalization and why?
7. What is state sovereignty? Effects of globalization on state sovereignty?
8. What are non-state actors?
9. Factors that have contributed to the growth of non-state actors.
10. Role of non-state actors in the globalization process.
11. Causes of globalization
12. Waves of globalization
13. The political dimensions of globalization
14. Technology and globalization
15. Interdependence and globalization
16. International relations and international studies
17. Globalization as American hegemony
18. Approaches to international studies
19. Resistance to globalization
20. Global cities

Introduction to Global Issues: Study Guide Examination #2

1. Weapons of mass destruction: Nuclear weapons; Biological Weapons; Biological Warfare Agent; Chemical Weapons; Radiological Weapons.
2. World Nuclear Arsenals
3. Nuclear weapon states
4. Countries that have abandoned nuclear programs
5. Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
6. Countries suspected of developing nuclear weapons
7. Countries suspected of retaining nuclear weapons
8. Bioterrorism
9. Ballistic Missiles
10. 21st Century Proliferation
11. Why do some states want to acquire WMD?
12. International Treaties of WMD
13. Definition of Terrorism and Guerrilla Warfare
14. Factors conducive to terrorism
15. Goals, strategies and weapons of terrorism
16. The cost of terrorism
17. The financing of terrorism
18. Kinds of terrorism
19. Responding to terrorism
20. Ethnic conflicts

Introduction to Global Issues: Study Guide Examination 3

1. Globalization and Democracy
2. Concept of Democracy
3. Criteria for Democracy
4. Political participation and Democracy
5. Women’s political participation and Democracy.
6. Women in national Parliaments
7. Women Leaders
8. Factors conducive to democracy
9. Promotion of democracy
10. Promotion of democracy by the USA
11. Imposing democracy by force in Iraq
12. Global governance and democracy
13. Obstacles to USA commitment to building democracy abroad.
14. Global Inequality, Inequality between developed and developing countries
15. The globalization and inequality debate
16. Causes of Inequality between rich and poor countries
17. Inequality within rich countries, Inequality within poor countries.
18. Definition of poverty. Dimensions of poverty
19. Why is poverty a Global problem? Why talk about global poverty?
20. Who is poor? Where are they?
21. Why are there more poor people?
22. Poverty as capability deprivation
23. Poverty, powerlessness, and ill-being
24. Relationships between Poverty and War
25. Poverty Reduction
26. International Organizations and Poverty Reduction
27. What programs and projects work effectively in reducing poverty?
28. Definition of corruption
29. Corruption and nepotism, cronyism and insider trading
30. The cost of corruption
31. The roots of corruption
32. Where is corruption most prevalent (countries and sectors)
33. In what kind of environment does corruption thrive?
34. How does corruption affect peoples’ lives?
35. Combating corruption
36. Why it is that anti-corruption law are not always enforced?
37. Why can’t government contain corruption effectively without the help of others?
40. Concept of child labor
41. Poverty and child labor
42. Ruralization and child law
43. Foster care and child labor
44. Trafficking (sexual) and child labor
45. Is child labor a necessary evil?
46. History of the exploitation of child labor
47. Various forms of child labor
48. The worst forms of child labor
49. Causes and justification of child labor
50. Consequences of child labor
51. Some possible cures. Attempts to curb abusive child labor.
52. Food insecurity and its magnitude
53. What is food security?
54. What happens when people do not have food security?
55. Why is there food insecurity?
56. When does food security happen?