

## Section A

- All candidates should complete this section
- This section has one question only
- The marks achieved in this section account for 25% of your final exam result

### **Instructions:**

Write a summary (précis) of the following passage, **in not more than 150 of your own words**. You must write a summary, not a discussion of the passage. No credit will be given for answers made up of sentences extracted from the original passage.

President Obama edged closer to describing Russia's military incursions in Ukraine as an invasion, saying on Sunday that the Western campaign to isolate Moscow would continue, though additional sanctions were unnecessary for now.

Speaking to reporters at the end of the annual meeting of the Group of 20, an organization of 19 industrial and emerging-market countries along with the European Union, Mr. Obama said the Russians were supplying heavy arms to separatists in Ukraine in violation of an agreement Russia signed with Ukraine a few weeks ago.

"We're also very firm on the need to uphold core international principles," he said, "and one of those principles is you don't invade other countries or finance proxies and support them in ways that break up a country that has mechanisms for democratic elections."

Mr. Obama, who met President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia at an economic meeting in Beijing last week and again at the summit meeting here this weekend, said he warned him that if the Russians did not change course in Ukraine, "the isolation that Russia is currently experiencing will continue." He described the exchanges as typically "businesslike and blunt."

The president's words were among the toughest he has used about Russia's actions during the Ukraine crisis. But after meeting with European leaders to discuss next steps, it was unclear whether the allies had the stomach for another round of sanctions. "At this point, the sanctions that we have in place are biting plenty good," he said.

Russia's aggression toward Ukraine spilled over into the Group of 20 meeting. Mr. Putin got a chilly reception from several leaders, including from Prime Minister Tony Abbott of Australia and Prime Minister Stephen Harper of Canada, who told him, "I guess I'll shake your hand, but I have only one thing to say to you: You need to get out of Ukraine."

Mr. Putin himself put a positive spin on events, saying before leaving Brisbane that virtually every issue discussed had been helpful — even the issue of new sanctions over Ukraine — and that he was leaving early only because he had a long flight home.

Mark Landler, 'Obama Says Russia's Arming of Separatists Breaks Pact with Ukraine,' *New York Times*, November 16, 2014.

## Section B1

- You should complete section B1 if you have applied for the following courses:
  - BSc Actuarial Science (N321)
  - BSc Business, Maths and Statistics (G0N0)
  - BSc Economic History with Economics (V3L1)
  - BSc Economics and Economic History (V3L1)
  - BSc Economics (L101)
  - BSc Econometrics and Mathematical Economics (L140)
  - BSc Economics with Economic History (L1V3)
  - BSc Environmental Policy with Economics (F9L1)
  - BSc Geography with Economics (L7L1)
  - BSc Government and Economics (LL12)
  - BSc Management (N200)
  - BSc Mathematics and Economics (GL11)
  - BSc Mathematics with Economics (G1L1)
  - BSc Philosophy and Economics (LV15)
  - BSc Philosophy, Politics and Economic (LOV0)
  - BSc Social Policy and Economics (LLK1)
  - BSc Statistics with Finance (G3N3)
  
- The marks achieved in this section account for 25% of your final exam result

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| Write <b>ONE</b> essay from the following three choices: |
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1. 'The positive impact of immigration on a state's economy far outweighs the negative impact.' Discuss.
  - Does immigration have a positive impact on a state's economy?
  
2. 'Preoccupied with economic growth, governments have ignored the problem of global warming.' Discuss.
  - Why have governments been so slow to address the problem of global warming?
  
3. 'If the twentieth century was the American century, the twenty-first will be China's.' Discuss.
  - Is America's role as the world power shifting to China?

## Section B2

- You should complete section B2 if you have applied for the following courses:
  - BSc Accounting and Finance (NN34)
  - BA Social Anthropology (L601)
  - BSc Social Anthropology (L603)
  - BSc Anthropology and Law (ML16)
  - BSc Economic History (V300)
  - BA Geography (L702)
  - BSc Environment and Development (FK84)
  - BSc Government (L230)
  - BSc Government and History (LV21)
  - BSc Politics and International Relations (L290)
  - BSc Politics and Philosophy (LV25)
  - BA History (V146)
  - BSc International Relations and History (VL12)
  - BSc International Relations (L250)
  - LLB Law (M100)
  - BSc Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method (V503)
  - BSc Social Policy (L400)
  - BSc Social Policy and Criminology (LM42)
  - BSc Social Policy with Government (LL42)
  - BSc Social Policy and Sociology (LL34)
  - BSc Sociology (L301)
  
- The marks achieved in this section account for 50% of your final exam result

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| Write <b>ONE</b> essay from the following three choices: |
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1. Why does the electorate no longer trust politicians?
2. What impact has technology had on modern warfare?
3. 'In a globalized world, the nation-state is increasingly powerless.' Discuss.