

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.

Mr. Obama has placed himself at the helm of a top secret “nominations” process to designate terrorists for kill or capture, of which the capture part has become largely theoretical. He had vowed to align the fight against Al Qaeda with American values; the chart, introducing people whose deaths he might soon be asked to order, underscored just what a moral and legal conundrum this could be.

Mr. Obama is the liberal law professor who campaigned against the Iraq war and torture, and then insisted on approving every new name on an expanding “kill list,” poring over terrorist suspects’ biographies on what one official calls the macabre “baseball cards” of an unconventional war. When a rare opportunity for a **drone** strike at a top terrorist arises — but his family is with him — it is the president who has reserved to himself the final moral calculation.

“He is determined that he will make these decisions about how far and wide these operations will go,” said Thomas E. Donilon, his national security adviser. “His view is that he’s responsible for the position of the United States in the world.” He added, “He’s determined to keep the tether pretty short.”

Nothing else in Mr. Obama’s first term has baffled liberal supporters and confounded conservative critics alike as his aggressive counterterrorism record. His actions have often remained inscrutable, obscured by awkward secrecy rules, polarised political commentary and the president’s own deep reserve.

Section B – You must complete EITHER Section B1 or B2

Section B1

- Complete Section B1 ONLY if you are completing Maths Section D
- 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 Social Policy and Economics (LLK1)
 - BSc Statistics with Finance (G3N3)
- The marks achieved in this section account for 25% of your final exam result

Instructions:

Write ONE essay from the following three choices:
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1. 'The main purpose of education is to drive economic growth.' Discuss.
 - Is future economic growth dependent on 'knowledge economies'?
2. 'Nonviolent protest against unpopular governments and their policies is justifiable; violent protest is not.' Discuss.
 - What methods of political process are legitimate and justifiable?
3. 'Big money donations to political parties fundamentally distort and corrupt democracy.' Discuss.
 - Do big money donations to political parties undermine the democratic process?

Section B2

- Complete Section B2 ONLY if you are completing Maths Section C
- 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 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

Instructions:

Write ONE essay from the following three choices:
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1. To what extent, and why, should the state seek to curtail the freedom of the press?
2. 'In a globalised world, states are powerless to prevent big business from avoiding taxes.' Discuss.
3. 'By pushing for immediate austerity the euro zone is deepening recession in the troubled economies, which will only make their debt harder to service. It is not possible for everyone to save their way to prosperity. As Keynes argued after the Depression, someone, somewhere must be consuming. In Europe that should be countries such as Germany and the Netherlands that were running vast current-account surpluses during the boom. But the creditors are loathe to accept that they are part of the problem.' Discuss this verdict on the EU debt crisis. Is there a better alternative?