

# Mock Contest 1 Questions

## I-NAFTA

1-Since the signing of NAFTA by President Bill Clinton, the U.S. auto sector employment has lost 350,000 workers. During that same time, the Mexican auto sector has grown from 120,000 workers to \_\_\_\_\_ workers.

- A-350,000
- B-425,000
- C-510,000
- D-550,000

Source: Council on Foreign Relations

2-Some of the solutions proposed to assist workers displaced by NAFTA are:

- A-Trade Adjustment Assistance
- B-Federal Wage Insurance
- C-Both answers A and B

Source: Council on Foreign Relations

3-NAFTA prohibited barriers such as local content and import substitution rules which require producers to ensure that specific inputs are produced locally.

These stipulations were implemented to protect which group?

- A-Employees
- B-Global Trade Organizations
- C-Investors
- D-Exporting Companies

Source: Foreign Affairs magazine

## II-ASEAN at 50

1-As set out in the ASEAN Declaration which of the following is not one of the aims and purposes of ASEAN?

A-To accelerate the economic growth, social progress and cultural development in the region through joint endeavours in the spirit of equality and partnership in order to strengthen the foundation for a prosperous and peaceful community of Southeast Asian Nations;

B-To promote regional peace and stability through abiding respect for justice and the rule of law in the relationship among countries of the region and adherence to the principles of the United Nations Charter;

C-To promote active collaboration and mutual assistance on matters of common interest in the economic, social, cultural, technical, scientific and administrative fields;

D-To foster more effective cooperation with China in pursuit of common economic, cultural, scientific, financial, educational and humanitarian goals.

Source: ASEAN50

2-In establishing their relations with one another, the ASEAN Member States have adopted \_\_\_?\_\_ fundamental principles, as contained in the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) of 1976:

How many principles were established in the TAC?

A-10

B-8

C-7

D-6

Source: ASEAN50

3-The ASEAN Economic Community(AEC) in pursuit of economic growth and integration has focused on initiatives such as enacting competition and consumer protection laws,OPEN SKIES agreements, and \_\_\_\_\_.

A-Completion of the missing links in the ASEAN Highway network

B-Implementation of Export Support Payments for local AEC manufacturers

C-Development of Trade Mission offices in 86 countries

D-Pursue Bilateral trade agreements between the European Union and ASEAN

Source: ASEAN in 2016

### **III-India's Bid for Global Leadership**

1-An analysis published in 2001 argued that if India could sustain a growth rate of consistently \_\_\_\_\_ percent or higher, it would represent "an economic performance that inexorably transforms India into a great power, positions it as an effective pole in the Asian geopolitical balance, and compels international attention to itself as a strategic entity with continent-wide significance."

That required percentage rate of growth is:

- A-10
- B-9
- C-7
- D-5

Source: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

2-The re-emergence of Russia and the rise of China challenge the U.S. control of the balance of power and has been viewed as a threat. Conversely India's ascent has been seen as a collaborative opportunity. The acceptance by the U.S. of India's rise is because:

- A-Indian society has a heritage and ethos of peaceful coexistence.
- B-India is not seeking to exclude the U.S. from the South Asian/Indian Ocean arena
- C-The South Asian/Indian Ocean area is not as important as the other three areas of U.S. prioritization, Europe, East Asia and the Middle East
- D-India is not seeking exclusive hegemony, but rather primacy which is less threatening to the U.S. interests.

**Source: the EastWestCenter.org**

3-The United States and India, signed an agreement known as the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement(LEMOA) giving reciprocal access to their respective Indian and Pacific Ocean military bases for logistics and supplies.

What month and year was this agreement signed?

- A-January 2016
- B-March 2016
- C-May 2016
- D-August 2016

**Source:www.EastWestCenter.org**

## IV-Combating Climate Change

1-Google Co-Founder Sergey Brin has invested in the Cultured Beef Project which through stem cell research intends to harvest meat via cells grown from a single cow that can create 175 million hamburgers!

Under current beef production methods how many cows are required to produce 175 million hamburgers? Currently global meat production accounts for 18% of the Earth's greenhouse gases.

- A-10,000
- B-100,000
- C-440,000
- D- 650,000

Source: [blogs.ei.columbia.edu](http://blogs.ei.columbia.edu)

2-One of the interesting technologies for carbon extraction from the atmosphere, has the acronym of BECCS which is short for which term?

- A-Bovine Environmental Culture and Capture System
- B-Basal Environmental Cognitive Cleansing System
- C-BioEnergy with CO2 Capture and Storage
- D-Bioenergy Element Capital Climate Screening

Source:

[http://e360.yale.edu/features/how far can technology go to stave off climate change](http://e360.yale.edu/features/how_far_can_technology_go_to_stave_off_climate_change)

3-The intellectual property divide, or IP divide in developing countries such as Brazil, Mexico, or India, results from low value placed on pursuit of patents even though there is high quality research being conducted. This lack of protection for beneficial research means that:

- A-Value created by the research is not captured for the owners/conductors/creators of that intellectual property
- B-Non owner nations, may be hit with demands for royalty payments by IP owners when they seek to use, develop and commercialize technologies.
- C-Both A&B
- D-None of the above

Source:ICTSD.org

## V-CyberSecurity

1-The Department of Homeland Security website has detailed information to help improve transparency for U.S. workers. Under the section titled, Reports and Data: Transparency for U.S. Workers which of the following headings is NOT listed:

- A-H1-B
- B-EAD Reports
- C-Policy Memoranda
- D-Denied Parties List

**Source: DHS.gov/uscis**

2-The purpose of the Department of Defense(DoD) Cybersecurity Strategy per Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter's introductory message is threefold, 1-Defend the DoD networks, systems and information, 2-Defend the U.S. Homeland and U.S. national interests against cyber attacks of significant consequence and 3-\_\_\_\_\_. Which of the following is the third part of the DoD Cybersecurity Strategy?

- A-Prepare U.S. Allies to protect their own homeland independent of U.S. interests
- B-Support Operational and Contingency Plans
- C-Both A&B
- D-None of the Above

**Source: DoD Cyber Strategy**

3-In 2012, DoD began to build a Cyber Mission Force(CMF) to carry out DoD's cyber missions. Once fully operational, the CMF will include nearly 6,200 military, civilian, and contractor support personnel from across the military departments and defense components. Which component Force is NOT a part of Cyber Mission Force?

- A-Cyber Protection Forces
- B-National Mission Forces
- C-Combat Mission Forces
- D-U.S. Special Forces

**Source: DoD Cyber Strategy**

## **VI-Saudi Arabia**

1-In March 2015, Saudi Arabia led a 10 country coalition to fight “terrorism” against the Huthis in what country?

- A-Oman
- B-Yemen
- C-Qatar
- D-United Arab Emirates

Source:CIA Factbook

2-Saudi Arabia is second in proven crude reserves at 269 Billion barrels, second in production at 10.05 Million barrels per day but Saudi Arabia is First in what category?

- A-Finished Products manufacture
- B-Crude Exports
- C-Finished Products import
- D-Finished Products Export

Source:CIA Factbook

3-In January 2016 Saudi Arabia executed 47 “terrorists”, of the 47 how many were from the Shia sect of Islam?

- A-4
- B-12
- C-24
- D-29

Source:www.aljazeera.com

## **VII-Great Decisions**

1-When asked, absolute majorities of the public in every European country, except two, believe the European Union can be described as “democratic”-more than believe it can be described as technocratic. Those two countries are:

- A-Greece and Italy
- B-Netherlands and Denmark
- C-Greece and Cyprus
- D-France and Ireland

Source: Great Decisions 2017 Edition

2-Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission coined the phrase “polycrise” to describe severe and overlapping crises. The main crises noted in the Great Decisions article are:

- A-The geopolitical view that Europe is a continent aging and in decline
- B-The issue of perceived lack of democratic governance and therefore legitimacy
- C-The challenges presented by millions of immigrants seemingly swamping individual governments and their ability to respond and absorb such larger numbers.
- D- All of the above

Source: Great Decisions 2017 book

3-The petroleum industry is prone to surpluses/low prices and shortages/high prices due to the extremely long investment cycle and the massive amounts of capital required. As a result of the swing from low to high prices capital investment was \$250 Billion in 2000 and \$680 Billion in 2014. The capital investment for 2016 was:

- A-\$560 Billion
- B-\$520 Billion
- C-\$480 Billion
- D-\$440 Billion

## **VIII-The Peacebuilding Toolkit**

1-The United States Institute of Peace, over its 30 year history has determined that there are five Peacebuilding Core Skills, 1-Dialogue, 2-Mediation, 3-Negotiation, 4-Non Violent Action and \_\_\_\_\_. The fifth Core Peacebuilding Skill is:

- A-Arbitration
- B-Legal Redress via court systems
- C-Conflict Transformation
- D-Military Action

Source: [USIP Introductory Video](#)

2-Resilient responses to Fragility and Violence are three-fold. Which of the following is NOT one of the three Resilient responses?

- A-Adaptation
- B-Transformation
- C-Absorption
- D-None of the Above

Source: [https://www.usip.org/sites/default/files/Fragility-Report-Policy-Brief-Fragility-and-Resilience\\_0.pdf](https://www.usip.org/sites/default/files/Fragility-Report-Policy-Brief-Fragility-and-Resilience_0.pdf)

3-In the south Iraq Mahmoudiyah Province known as the Triangle of Death, the US Institute of Peace facilitated and sectarian and tribal leaders agreed to convene a meeting among the warring Shia and Sunni sects.

How many Sectarian and Tribal leaders attended this peace meeting?

- A-50
- B-43
- C-31
- D-27

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pbzu-saPft8&feature=youtu.be>

## **IX-America's Diplomats**

1-At a time when the value of diplomacy is being questioned due to more inward focused goals, many are stressing the need for diplomacy to give leaders more alternatives. Which of the following statements is true relative to the value of diplomacy?

- A-Aid the U.S. military so that use of force is not the first policy option
- B-Expand exports overseas and create opportunities for American companies
- C-Support increased opportunities for women in the global economy
- D-All of the above

Source: [file:///C:/Users/user/Downloads/AWQ%202017-2018%20Study%20Guide%20\(2\)%20\(6\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/user/Downloads/AWQ%202017-2018%20Study%20Guide%20(2)%20(6).pdf)

2-What are the key pillars that form the foundation of American Diplomacy

- A-Peace
- B-Prosperity
- C-Democracy
- D-All of the above



Source: <https://diplomacy.state.gov/discoverdiplomacy/diplomacy101/issues/267356.htm>

3-The U.S. Department of State has sought to ensure foreign service employees mirror the world in which they must operate both domestically and globally. The percentage of Foreign Service Specialists that are Asian is 6.4% and Hispanic 5 %

What percentage of Foreign Service Specialists are African American?

- A-12
- B-9
- C-6
- D-3

Source: <https://diplomacy.state.gov/discoverdiplomacy/diplomacy101/people/207755.htm>

## **X-Current Events**

1. Which African country recently had a military coup ending four decades of their current leadership?
  - A. Kenya
  - B. Zimbabwe
  - C. Somalia
  - D. Libya

Source: WAC current event emails and various news agencies

2. In a recent postal poll, Australians registered voters approved to legalize what new societal right in an effort to ensure that Parliament will consider the measure later this year in an election?
  - A. Legalize marijuana
  - B. Stronger gun control
  - C. Same sex marriage
  - D. Religious freedom for all religions

Source: WAC current event email and various news agencies

3. In bee decline, what has emerged as the improbable villain?
  - A. Change in land use
  - B. Insecticides

- C. Global warming
- D. Fungicides

Source: Science News November 14, 2017; Cornell University