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- A. gender issues.
- B. the environment.
- C. power and self-preservation.
- D. building a better world.

43. Morality from a realist perspective would involve

- A. securing a basic standard of living for people everywhere.
- B. securing the safety and prosperity of a nation's own citizens.
- C. engaging in international cooperation.
- D. imposing a state's view of what is morally right on weaker states.

44. Which of the following issues is *most* likely to concern realists?

- A. sustainable human development.
- B. human rights
- C. national security
- D. creating cooperative international organizations

45. It is *true* that liberals

- A. believe that an ethical policy works against the national interest.
- B. believe that foreign policy should be based on cooperative and ethical standards.
- C. are usually out of touch with reality.
- D. believe that the tenets of realism have no place in foreign policy.

46. Most people would agree that President Woodrow Wilson was a

- A. realist.
- B. nationalist.
- C. liberal.
- D. pessimist.

47. Though willing to use military force in Iraq without UN approval, President Bush's rhetoric on the spread of democracy most closely resembles that of which theoretical perspective?

- A. liberalism
- B. realism
- C. feminism
- D. nationalism

48. Which U.S. president invoked liberal arguments to justify foreign policy choices?

- A. Woodrow Wilson
- B. Bill Clinton
- C. George W. Bush
- D. all of the above

49. According to the authors, when it comes to the "national interest," liberals tend to
- A. ignore the concept completely.
 - B. focus only on policies that advance the national interest.
 - C. to take a larger view that recognizes that the future of one's country is linked to the future of the world as a whole.
 - D. view the concept as unimportant for powerful states.
50. According to realpolitik,
- A. human nature is basically good.
 - B. progress in international relations is an achievable goal.
 - C. power is the most important consideration in international relations.
 - D. pragmatism is a foolish approach to politics.
51. Ronald Regan's policy of "peace through strength" is an example of
- A. liberalism.
 - B. realpolitik.
 - C. war mongering.
 - D. globalization.

52. Some theories have a zero-sum perspective of political stakes, while others believe stakes are non-zero-sum. Which of the following two theories agree with respect to the nature of political stakes in the world?

- A. realism and constructivism
- B. realism and liberalism
- C. liberalism and constructivism
- D. realism and feminism

53. Liberals believe that all of the following are leading toward a more cooperative future *except*

- A. spread of nuclear weapons.
- B. increased economic interdependency among countries.
- C. mounting damage to the global ecosystem
- D. the rise of international terrorism.

54. The European Union is most likely to be favored by

- A. neoliberals.
- B. neorealists.
- C. realists.
- D. none of the major theories.

55. In joining the European Union, member-states did all of the following *except*
- A. give up some political sovereignty.
 - B. adopt uniform laws.
 - C. give up some economic authority.
 - D. become more interdependent.
56. The belief that states, just like individuals, can learn to form cooperative societies without giving up their individuality is known as
- A. neoliberalism.
 - B. neorealism.
 - C. rational actor model.
 - D. traditional liberalism.
57. Liberals view the use of force as
- A. an antiquated realist tool that should never be used.
 - B. acceptable to stop grave human rights violations.
 - C. especially important in a nuclear age.
 - D. historically a successful feature of international politics.
58. Liberals consider the application of "power" to be
- A. the best means available given the present political situation.
 - B. the only available option in light of the new war on terror.
 - C. an inevitable part of international politics.
 - D. the perpetuation of a cycle of violence and misery.

59. The approach to international politics that remains *most* dominant in the United States is

- A. liberalism.
- B. political economy.
- C. globalism.
- D. realism.

60. The most common traits of relations between states have been

- A. suspicion, rivalry, and tension.
- B. self-sacrifice and cooperation.
- C. liberal and altruistic.
- D. motivated by self-interest.

61. In comparison to other countries, Americans are among the most educated about foreign affairs.

True False

62. After the September 11 attacks, it is almost certain that Americans will show a greater desire to gain knowledge about world affairs.

True False

63. The United States is the world's largest exporter.

True False

64. Changes in international financial markets affect only wealthy Americans.

True False

65. In FY 2009, military spending accounted for about 5% of the U.S. government budget.

True False

66. Today, the United States spends a greater percent of its economy on the military than at any point in U.S. history.

True False

67. The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) predicts that the world population will actually decrease in the next 50 years.

True False

68. One unfortunate element of modern war has been the increased number of civilian casualties.

True False

69. Direct action attracts attention but seldom changes policy.

True False

70. There is little individuals can do to make a different in world politics.

True False

71. Realists believe that conflict is generally inevitable.

True False

72. Realists and liberals are similar in that they are both suspicious of international cooperation.

True False

73. In no instance would a liberal advocate the use of military force.

True False

74. Everyone is either a realist or liberal.

True False

75. It is fairly clear that liberalism will play little role in the future of international politics.

True False

76. List three different types of actors on the "world stage."

77. List three ways in which world politics affects personal economic conditions.

78. How might foreign imports affect the U.S. economy?

79. How does international trade benefit the U.S. economy?

80. Why are levels of defense spending connected to a society more generally?

81. Why should Americans be concerned about the world's population?

82. How has the nature of transnational disease changed from historical patterns?

83. What are the causes and consequences of global warming?

84. How can average Americans make a difference in world politics?

85. Name the two major theoretical orientations or paths described in the book.

86. What are some of the basic assumptions of realism?

87. What are some of the basic assumptions of liberalism?

88. How do realists and neorealists differ in their views of the source of conflict?

89. How do liberals and neoliberals differ in their views of what is needed for cooperation to take place?
90. What are some recent trends in world politics that support liberal beliefs?
91. The authors describe a number of different types of actors on the international stage. Select three types of actors and explain their role on the international stage.

92. How are the actors in global politics interconnected? What are some examples of events and conditions in one country that affect persons living elsewhere?
93. What are some of the effects that the reduction of defense spending would have on the domestic economy?
94. Discuss some of the ways in which your quality of life might be affected by global environmental problems.

95. Discuss two ways in which voting can influence international policy. Provide an example for each.
96. How have U.S. presidents differed in their theoretical approaches to international politics. Identify three U.S. presidents and argue how their policies could be characterized as either realist, liberal, or a mix.
97. Theories help shape how observers perceive political events. How might a realist interpret a particular event differently than a liberal or constructivist?

98. Compare realist and liberal attitudes on the various actors on the international stage, including individuals, states, and international organizations. How are these attitudes similar? How are they different?

99. Identify what you consider to be the most critical issue in world politics today. Suggest how a realist and a liberal might approach this issue differently

100. Compare and contrast realist and idealist conceptions of human nature.

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- C. A country should carefully consider going to war, weighing both the importance of its goals and its military capacity to achieve those goals.
- D. A country should only consider its policy objectives in making the decision to wage war.

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42. Realists are most interested in:

(p. 18)

- A. gender issues.
- B. the environment.
- C. power and self-preservation.
- D. building a better world.

Boyer - Chapter 01 #42

43. Morality from a realist perspective would involve

(p. 18)

- A. securing a basic standard of living for people everywhere.
- B. securing the safety and prosperity of a nation's own citizens.
- C. engaging in international cooperation.
- D. imposing a state's view of what is morally right on weaker states.

Boyer - Chapter 01 #43

44. Which of the following issues is *most* likely to concern realists?

(p. 18-19)

- A. sustainable human development.
- B. human rights
- C. national security
- D. creating cooperative international organizations

Boyer - Chapter 01 #44

45. It is *true* that liberals

(p. 19-20)

- A. believe that an ethical policy works against the national interest.
- B. believe that foreign policy should be based on cooperative and ethical standards.
- C. are usually out of touch with reality.
- D. believe that the tenets of realism have no place in foreign policy.

Boyer - Chapter 01 #45

46. Most people would agree that President Woodrow Wilson was a

(p. 20)

- A. realist.
- B. nationalist.
- C. liberal.
- D. pessimist.

Boyer - Chapter 01 #46

47. Though willing to use military force in Iraq without UN approval, President Bush's rhetoric on the spread of democracy most closely resembles that of which theoretical perspective?
(p. 20)

- A. liberalism
- B. realism
- C. feminism
- D. nationalism

Boyer - Chapter 01 #47

48. Which U.S. president invoked liberal arguments to justify foreign policy choices?
(p. 20)

- A. Woodrow Wilson
- B. Bill Clinton
- C. George W. Bush
- D. all of the above

Boyer - Chapter 01 #48

49. According to the authors, when it comes to the "national interest," liberals tend to
(p. 20)

- A. ignore the concept completely.
- B. focus only on policies that advance the national interest.
- C. to take a larger view that recognizes that the future of one's country is linked to the future of the world as a whole.
- D. view the concept as unimportant for powerful states.

Boyer - Chapter 01 #49

50. According to realpolitik,

(p. 18)

- A. human nature is basically good.
- B. progress in international relations is an achievable goal.
- C. power is the most important consideration in international relations.
- D. pragmatism is a foolish approach to politics.

Boyer - Chapter 01 #50

51. Ronald Regan's policy of "peace through strength" is an example of

(p. 18)

- A. liberalism.
- B. realpolitik.
- C. war mongering.
- D. globalization.

Boyer - Chapter 01 #51

52. Some theories have a zero-sum perspective of political stakes, while others believe stakes are non-zero-sum. Which of the following two theories agree with respect to the nature of political stakes in the world?

(p. 16)

- A. realism and constructivism
- B. realism and liberalism
- C. liberalism and constructivism
- D. realism and feminism

Boyer - Chapter 01 #52

53. Liberals believe that all of the following are leading toward a more cooperative future *except*

(p. 21)

- A. spread of nuclear weapons.
- B. increased economic interdependency among countries.
- C. mounting damage to the global ecosystem
- D. the rise of international terrorism.

Boyer - Chapter 01 #53

54. The European Union is most likely to be favored by

(p. 22)

- A. neoliberals.
- B. neorealists.
- C. realists.
- D. none of the major theories.

Boyer - Chapter 01 #54

55. In joining the European Union, member-states did all of the following *except*

(p. 22)

- A. give up some political sovereignty.
- B. adopt uniform laws.
- C. give up some economic authority.
- D. become more interdependent.

Boyer - Chapter 01 #55

56. The belief that states, just like individuals, can learn to form cooperative societies without giving up their individuality is known as

(p. 22)

- A. neoliberalism.
- B. neorealism.
- C. rational actor model.
- D. traditional liberalism.

Boyer - Chapter 01 #56

57. Liberals view the use of force as

(p. 22)

- A. an antiquated realist tool that should never be used.
- B. acceptable to stop grave human rights violations.
- C. especially important in a nuclear age.
- D. historically a successful feature of international politics.

Boyer - Chapter 01 #57

58. Liberals consider the application of "power" to be

(p. 22)

- A. the best means available given the present political situation.
- B. the only available option in light of the new war on terror.
- C. an inevitable part of international politics.
- D. the perpetuation of a cycle of violence and misery.

Boyer - Chapter 01 #58

59. The approach to international politics that remains *most* dominant in the United States is

(p. 22-23)

- A. liberalism.
- B. political economy.
- C. globalism.
- D. realism.

Boyer - Chapter 01 #59

60. The most common traits of relations between states have been

(p. 23)

- A. suspicion, rivalry, and tension.
- B. self-sacrifice and cooperation.
- C. liberal and altruistic.
- D. motivated by self-interest.

Boyer - Chapter 01 #60

61. In comparison to other countries, Americans are among the most educated about foreign

(p. 5)

affairs.

FALSE

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62. After the September 11 attacks, it is almost certain that Americans will show a greater desire

(p. 5)

to gain knowledge about world affairs.

FALSE

Boyer - Chapter 01 #62

63. The United States is the world's largest exporter.

(p. 6)

TRUE

Boyer - Chapter 01 #63

64. Changes in international financial markets affect only wealthy Americans.

(p. 6-7)

FALSE

Boyer - Chapter 01 #64

65. In FY 2009, military spending accounted for about 5% of the U.S. government budget.

(p. 7)

FALSE

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66. Today, the United States spends a greater percent of its economy on the military than at any point in U.S. history.

(p. 7)

FALSE

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67. The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) predicts that the world population will actually decrease in the next 50 years.

(p. 9)

FALSE

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68. One unfortunate element of modern war has been the increased number of civilian casualties.
(p. 11)

TRUE

Boyer - Chapter 01 #68

69. Direct action attracts attention but seldom changes policy.
(p. 12)

FALSE

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70. There is little individuals can do to make a different in world politics.
(p. 12)

FALSE

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71. Realists believe that conflict is generally inevitable.
(p. 17)

TRUE

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72. Realists and liberals are similar in that they are both suspicious of international cooperation.
(p. 18)

FALSE

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73. In no instance would a liberal advocate the use of military force.
(p. 22)

FALSE

Boyer - Chapter 01 #73

74. Everyone is either a realist or liberal.

(p. 17)

FALSE

Boyer - Chapter 01 #74

75. It is fairly clear that liberalism will play little role in the future of international politics.

(p. 23)

FALSE

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76. List three different types of actors on the "world stage."

States, IGOs, NGOs, multinational corporations, or individuals

Boyer - Chapter 01 #76

77. List three ways in which world politics affects personal economic conditions.

Number of jobs available, interest rates, domestic allocation of resources, dependent on foreign sources for vital resources

Boyer - Chapter 01 #77

78. How might foreign imports affect the U.S. economy?

They may cost jobs, lower prices of many goods, raise the standard of living

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79. How does international trade benefit the U.S. economy?

Exports create jobs domestically, low price imports can raise the standard of living

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80. Why are levels of defense spending connected to a society more generally?

More spent on defense means less for private use and other government spending; many jobs depend upon the defense industry; 16.1 percent of the U.S. budget was spent on defense in 2001

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81. Why should Americans be concerned about the world's population?

The rapid rate of population growth threatens to change the quality of life as we know it because of pressures on limited resources.

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82. How has the nature of transnational disease changed from historical patterns?

The increase in transportation has made the spread of disease a much more rapid process. Also, international organizations and national health infrastructure can help to better manage disease.

Boyer - Chapter 01 #82

83. What are the causes and consequences of global warming?

Burning fossil fuels increases carbon dioxide, which warms the atmosphere. This melts ice caps, raises sea levels, heats the oceans, and causes dramatic windstorms.

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84. How can average Americans make a difference in world politics?

Direct action, voting for candidates, direct voting, protesting, joining issue-oriented groups, donating money, participating in political polls, letter writing campaigns, and so on

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85. Name the two major theoretical orientations or paths described in the book.

(Neo)realism, (neo)liberalism

Boyer - Chapter 01 #85

86. What are some of the basic assumptions of realism?

Emphasis on power, international system characterized by anarchy and conflict; human nature is characterized as darkly pessimistic and fearful about survival; time is static.

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87. What are some of the basic assumptions of liberalism?

Optimism about human nature, belief in the possibility of greater cooperation, concern with human betterment, emphasis on justice/morality; time (history) is evolutionary.

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88. How do realists and neorealists differ in their views of the source of conflict?

Realists emphasize human nature, neorealists emphasize the anarchy in the international system.

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89. How do liberals and neoliberals differ in their views of what is needed for cooperation to take place?

Liberals believe states can overcome obstacles and cooperate the way the international system currently is. Neoliberals believe that given the anarchic nature of the system strong and effective international institutions are necessary for cooperation.

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90. What are some recent trends in world politics that support liberal beliefs?

Growth of interdependence, countries surrendering some of their sovereignty to international bodies, greater powers of the European Union

Boyer - Chapter 01 #90

91. The authors describe a number of different types of actors on the international stage. Select three types of actors and explain their role on the international stage.

States—main actors, have sovereignty; promote interests; some powerful and some weak. IGOs—coordinate the actions of states. Some global, some regional. NGOs—groups organized that act on the international stage, but are not states. MNCs—corporations that move capital throughout the international system.

Boyer - Chapter 01 #91

92. How are the actors in global politics interconnected? What are some examples of events and conditions in one country that affect persons living elsewhere?

Economic interconnectedness is the most obvious component of a good answer, but specific issues related to the environment, global conflict, resources, and monetary factors should also be discussed.

Boyer - Chapter 01 #92

93. What are some of the effects that the reduction of defense spending would have on the domestic economy?

Such cuts might allow governments to channel more resources to domestic problems or sectors, like higher education. If the country has a large defense sector, as does the United States, cuts in defense spending may lead to many layoffs, and so on.

Boyer - Chapter 01 #93

94. Discuss some of the ways in which your quality of life might be affected by global environmental problems.

World population growth puts intense pressure on natural, personal, and governmental resources; increased pollution causes continued and increased environmental decay, extinction of many species of plants and animals, increase in pollution-related health problems, global warming and its consequences, leading to a widespread decline of the quality of life.

Boyer - Chapter 01 #94

95. Discuss two ways in which voting can influence international policy. Provide an example for each.

Voting for candidates (for example, Israeli, Russian, U.S. elections), voting for independence (for example, East Timor, Croatia, Ukraine, Quebec, Puerto Rico), direct voting on joining or leaving international organizations (for example, Hungary, and NATO; Sweden and IMF, World Bank; Austria, Finland, Sweden, and Switzerland and EU).

Boyer - Chapter 01 #95

96. How have U.S. presidents differed in their theoretical approaches to international politics. Identify three U.S. presidents and argue how their policies could be characterized as either realist, liberal, or a mix.

Barack Obama—mix of realism (negotiating with Iran) and liberalism (closing Guantanamo Bay). George W. Bush—promote democracy (liberalism) and ousting Saddam Hussein without UN approval (realist). Bill Clinton—Kosovo and Bosnia campaigns to stop human rights abuses (liberalism). George Bush Sr.—1991 Gulf War practicalism in not ousting Hussein (realism) and humanitarian effort in Somalia (liberalism). Reagan—Peace through strength.

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97. Theories help shape how observers perceive political events. How might a realist interpret a particular event differently than a liberal or constructivist?

Realism—main focus is on power and national security. Liberalism—main focus is on cooperation, norms, and interconnectedness.

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98. Compare realist and liberal attitudes on the various actors on the international stage, including individuals, states, and international organizations. How are these attitudes similar? How are they different?

Realism is primarily state-centric and emphasizes the security of states. Liberalism looks at states as well as international organization and how states are able to achieve greater cooperation both on their own and through facilitation by international organizations. (Note: students may use this question as an opportunity to compare realism and liberalism more broadly.)

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99. Identify what you consider to be the most critical issue in world politics today. Suggest how a realist and a liberal might approach this issue differently

Problems listed will vary but may include such issues as nuclear war, global warming, pollution, and economic crises. Suggestions should make clear the distinctions between the different levels of analysis.

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100. Compare and contrast realist and idealist conceptions of human nature.

Realism—follows Hobbes, pessimistic view of humankind, humans as self-interested actors, believes that conflict is inevitable; Idealism—follows Rousseau, optimistic about human nature, humans can be altruistic, cooperation possible.

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101. What is your own perspective on world politics? Do you agree more with realism, liberalism, postmodernism, feminism, or one of the economic theories? (In crafting your answer, be sure to compare your choice against at least two other theories.)

Students should demonstrate knowledge of at least three theories, and how they are different from one another. Their perspectives, of course, will vary, but any answer should be fine as long as it is appropriately substantiated.

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