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MPhil Admission Test
Sample Paper

Max Time: One hour

(PART-I)

Analytical, Verbal, and Definitional Reasoning

Please encircle the correct answer.

Question Statement. Questions (1-2)

In a small cafe, one or more of the chefs have to perform duty during dinner every day. The chefs are Nicholas, Antonio, and Jeremy.

None of them can be assigned to dinner duty two or more days in a row.

Q # 1: In case Nicholas and Antonio share dinner duty on Monday of some week, and if Antonio and Jeremy share dinner duty on Thursday of the same week, which of the following would be true for that week?

- a) Antonio is on dinner duty alone on Tuesday.
- b) Jeremy is on dinner duty alone on Wednesday.
- c) Nicholas and Jeremy share dinner duty on Wednesday.
- d) Nicholas is on duty alone on Tuesday, and Antonio is on breakfast duty alone on Wednesday.
- e) Jeremy is on breakfast duty alone on Tuesday, and Nicholas is on breakfast duty alone on Wednesday.

Q # 2: Which among the following could be true of some four-day period?

- a) On three of the four days, pairs of chefs were on dinner duty.
- b) On one of the four days, all three chefs were on dinner duty.
- c) Antonio drew twice as many dinner assignments as did Jeremy.
- d) Nicholas drew three times as many dinner assignments as did Antonio.
- e) Both Nicholas and Antonio drew three times as many dinner assignments as did Jeremy.

Verbal Reasoning with Analogies.

Q # 1: CUP : LIP :: BIRD : ?

- a) Bush
- b) Grass
- c) Forest
- d) Beak

Q # 2: Ornithologist : Bird :: Archaeologist : ?

- a) Islands
- b) Mediators
- c) Archaeology
- d) Aquatic

Definitional Reasoning

1. Threat perception in international politics is a decisive ----- between an event and reaction.

- (a) Independent variable
- (b) Intervening variable
- (c) Dependent variable

2. The main objective of national security of a state is to protect and preserve -----.

- (a) Parliament
- (b) Dams
- (c) All national values

3. Nuclear proliferation is the spread of ----- to those states who are not legally recognized nuclear weapon states (NWS) by NPT.

- (a) Hypersonic missiles
- (b) Robots
- (c) Nuclear weapons

4. National power is a ----- phenomenon in international politics.

- (a) Most important
- (b) Common
- (c) Relative

(Part-II)

Attempt any two questions. Question number One is compulsory.

Q # 1: Research does not start with a literature review or data collection, but with a question.

Explain? (Word limit 500)

Q # 2: Explain the evolution of strategic studies, focusing on current debates in the field?

Q # 3: Give a critical assessment of the 'Trump's Middle East Plan' and its repercussions for the Middle East region?