

Направление «Политология»

Профиль: «Политика. Экономика. Философия»

КОД -231

Время выполнения задания – 180 минут.

I. ОБЩАЯ ЧАСТЬ

Прочитайте нижеследующий фрагмент текста и ответьте на вопросы по тексту по-английски:

“The greatness of a state, and the happiness of its subjects, how independent soever they may be supposed in some respects, are commonly allowed to be inseparable with regard to commerce; and as private men receive greater security, in the possession of their trade and riches, from the power of the public, so the public becomes powerful in proportion to the opulence and extensive commerce of private men. This maxim is true in general; though I cannot forbear thinking, that it may possibly admit of exceptions, and that we often establish it with too little reserve and limitation. There may be some circumstances, where the commerce and riches and luxury of individuals, instead of adding strength to the public, will serve only to thin its armies, and diminish its authority among the neighbouring nations”.

- 1) Present and explain your hypothesis about the author of this fragment, and the epoch when it was written.
- 2) Give your interpretation of factors and circumstances, due to which commerce might enhance “the greatness of a state”, as well as of factors and circumstances, due to which commerce might “diminish the authority of a state among the neighbouring nations”.
- 3) Express your opinion about the relevance of the author’s idea for contemporary world: is it more valid, or less valid, or equally valid now as compared with author’s time? Why?

II. СПЕЦИАЛЬНАЯ ЧАСТЬ

Выберите и выполните только один из нижеследующих блоков заданий: напишите академическое эссе на одну из предложенных тем или выполните задание по-русски или по-английски.

1. Напишите академическое эссе на одну из предложенных тем:

Темы эссе:

1) Lord Acton is known for his phrase “*Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely*” (1887). Can political science, economics, or philosophy validate this statement? Explain your answer.

2) What is the function of political opposition in modern societies? How can you evaluate effectiveness of opposition?

3) How does competition of jurisdictions (Tiebout model) work? Indicate and explain its political and economic implications?

4) What are the factors that determined the current crisis of the Eurozone? How did economic and political mechanisms interact to cause this crisis?

5) What is the principle of Central bank independence about, and what are the arguments in favor of it and against it?

2. Выполните задание.

Задание:

There are data about recorded votes for 450 deputies of the State Duma of the Russian Federation of its last convocation (for the whole period of 2011 - 2014). The research task is to reveal actual political structure of the deputy corps in the space of limited number of 2-3 dimensions, using quantitative methods of data analysis.

Define general research strategy and specific research program (main stages of work) allowing fulfilling the task.

What quantitative methods can be applied to do such kind of research? Which of them would you prefer and why (give reasons for your choice)?

What kind of problems with empirical data do you expect to face?

Specify the hypothesis of meaningful interpretation of measurements concerning political space of contemporary State Duma.

