POLS 335: International Conflict
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Example Exam Questions

Each exam will consist of 50 multiple choice questions, worth 2 points each. The following are some examples (for exam #1).

Which of the following is NOT something that we called a quality of a good theory:
a. Falsifiability
b. Logical coherence
c. Deductive
d. Testable
e. Parsimonious (simple)

Which of the the following is NOT a problem that Waltz raises for the first image:
a. No balancing against the US has occurred since the end of the Cold War
b. You have to reform human nature all over the world
c. The independent variable stays the same, but the dependent variable changes
d. Who does the reforming?
e. You have to reform all people, not just elites

The Wars of the French Revolution gave rise to the idea that:
a. Democracies cause war
b. Capitalism causes war
c. Human nature causes war
d. Democracies don't go to war with each other
e. The offense-defense balance affects the severity of the security dilemma

According to the 3rd image, states have to arm themselves because:
a. Arms have become very affordable in modern times
b. There is no guarantee they can buy arms quickly when they need them
c. States only get respect and prestige if they are well-armed
d. There is no world government to provide protection from other states
e. Modern arms are very effective

The offense-defense balance refers to:
a. How many offensive versus defensive weapons a country has
b. Whether it is easier to conquer territory or easier to defend it
c. Whether offensive and defensive weapons are different from each other
d. Whether the international system is bipolar or multipolar
e. Whether or not the predominant power is considered a threat by other great powers