

Направление «Политология»

Профиль:
«Политика. Экономика. Философия»

КОД – 231

Время выполнения задания – 180 минут, язык – английский.

I. ОБЩАЯ ЧАСТЬ

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

“Nature has placed mankind under the governance of two sovereign masters, *pain* and *pleasure*. It is for them alone to point out what we ought to do, as well as to determine what we shall do. On the one hand the standard of right and wrong, on the other the chain of causes and effects, are fastened to their throne. They govern us in all we do, in all we say, in all we think: every effort we can make to throw off our subjection, will serve but to demonstrate and confirm it. In words a man may pretend to abjure their empire: but in reality he will remain subject to it all the while. The *principle of utility* recognizes this subjection, and assumes it for the foundation of that system, the object of which is to rear the fabric of felicity by the hands of reason and of law. Systems which attempt to question it, deal in sounds instead of sense, in caprice instead of reason, in darkness instead of light”.

- 1) Present and explain your hypothesis about the author of this fragment, and the epoch when it was written.
- 2) What was the impact of ideas expressed in this fragment on political and economic practices?
- 3) Can you agree with the author or not, and why so?

II. СПЕЦИАЛЬНАЯ ЧАСТЬ

При проверке эссе жюри будет руководствоваться критериями, примерный перечень которых приведен ниже (с указанием максимума баллов по каждому критерию):

- знание теории вопроса, знакомство с исследовательской литературой (10 баллов),
- логичность изложение материала и аргументированность позиции (10 баллов),
- знание фактического материала (10 баллов),
- склонность к обобщениям и отстаиванию собственной позиции, оригинальность работы (10 баллов),
- грамотность изложения и качество литературной формы (10 баллов).

Напишите академическое эссе на одну из предложенных тем на английском языке:

Темы эссе:

- 1) What is “a political business cycle”? What are the causes, mechanisms and implications of this phenomenon?
- 2) Different terms are used to denote radical political changes: ‘revolutions’, ‘overturns’, or ‘profound reforms’. What are the grounds for so different characterizations of such changes?
- 3) It was once said: “If you owe your bank a hundred pounds, you have a problem. But if you owe a million, it has”. Explain this paradox. To what domain – psychological, political, economic, or some other – does it belong?

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4) How do falling oil prices affect economic and political situation in such countries as Russia, the United States, China and Germany?

5) The debt crisis in Greece appeared to be a challenge for both experts and politicians. Should the bankruptcy of a country be treated in the same way as the bankruptcy of an individual firm? What is common for these two situations? What are the differences between them?

