

HSE Global Scholarship Competition - 2021

DEMO VERSION OF COMPETITION  
ASSIGNMENTS ASIAN STUDIES  
11th GRADE

to be completed within 120 mins  
the maximum score is 100 points

**Part I (16 points)**

**Assignments 1.1 – 1.8 (8 points)**

**Select ONE option from the list given below. Cross-hatch the right answer. For example:**

**X.X. Which country has Dubai as its capital?**

- 1. Iraq
- 2. Saudi Arabia
- 3. Bahrein
- 4. United Arab Emirates

1.1. Name the country which was the first to sign an unequal treaty with Korea?

- 1. Russia
- 2. USA
- 3. Japan
- 4. France

1.2. When did Hong Kong become a part of the People's Republic of China?

- 1. 1949
- 2. 1989
- 3. 1997
- 4. 2007

1.3. Name an Arab country which was the first to sign a peace treaty with Israel.

- 1. Syria

- 2. Jordan
- 3. Egypt
- 4. Saudi Arabia

1.4. Which island is involved in territorial disputes between Japan and South Korea?

- 1. Jejudo
- 2. Tokto
- 3. Jodo
- 4. Geojedo

1.5. When did the USA sign a peace treaty with Japan?

- 1. 1951
- 2. 1945
- 3. 1952
- 4. 1948

1.6. Which Arab politician was one of the founders of the Non-Aligned Movement?

- 1. Muammar Al Gathafi
- 2. Saddam Hussein
- 3. Gamal Abdel Nasser
- 4. Hafez al-Assad

1.7. Who was the author of Juche ideology?

- 1. Kim Il-sung
- 2. Rhee Syngman
- 3. Park Chung-hee
- 4. Kim Jong-il

1.8. Why is the 1911-1912 uprising in China referred to as Xinhai Revolution?

- 1. after a military commander
- 2. after the name of a calendar year in the Lunar Calendar

- 3. after the name of a Chinese province
- 4. after the name of the rebels army

**Assignments 1.9 – 1.12 (8 points)**

**Select TWO RIGHT ANSWERS from the list given below. Cross-hatch the right answers. For example:**

**X.X. Which Asian countries below DO NOT have territorial borders with the Russian Federation?**

- 1. South Korea
- 2. China
- 3. North Korea
- 4. Mongolia
- 5. Iran

1.9. Which two presidents of South Korea made official visits to North Korea?

- 1. Park Chung-hee
- 2. Lee Myung-bak
- 3. Kim Dae-jung
- 4. Roh Moo-hyun
- 5. Kim Young-sam

1.10. Name two outstanding representatives of the late 19<sup>th</sup>-century reform movement in China:

- 1. Mao Zedong
- 2. Kang Youwei
- 3. Liang Qichao
- 4. Huang Zunxian
- 5. Li Baojia

1.11. Select two Japanese cities which hosted the Olympic Games:

- 1. Osaka
- 2. Tokyo
- 3. Nagoya
- 4. Sapporo
- 5. Kyoto

1.12. Which two Arab countries used to belong to the United Arab Republic in 1958-1961?

- 1. Egypt
- 2. Algeria

- 3. Tunisia
- 4. Syria
- 5. Lebanon

**Part II (44 points)**

**Assignment 2.1. – 2.4. (5 points per question)**

**Align the digits with the letters and insert your answer (without spaces or any other additional characters) into the table below. For example:**

1	A	2	B	3	C	4	D
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2.1. Align the name and dates of military conflicts in Korea:

1)	Korean War	A)	993-1019
2)	Goryeo-Khitans War	B)	1592-1598
3)	First Sino-Japanese War	C)	1894-1895
4)	Imjin War	D)	1950-1953

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2.2. Align the names of Shinto gods and their respective characteristics

1)	Oinari	A)	Protective deity for children and travellers
2)	Sumiyoshi	B)	The god of rice and patron of agriculture
3)	Hachiman	C)	The god of war and patron of warriors
4)	Jizō	D)	The god of the sea and patron of sailors

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2.3. Align the names and dates of civilian riots in China:

1)	Sichuan Rebellion	A)	1850-1864
2)	Taiping Rebellion	B)	1855
3)	Miao Rebellion	C)	1911
4)	White Lotus Rebellion	D)	1796-1804

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2.4. Align the countries and dates of anti-monarchy revolutions in these countries:

1)	Iran	A)	1952
2)	Egypt	B)	1958
3)	Lebanon	C)	1969
4)	Iraq	D)	1979

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## Assignments 2.5 – 2.8 (24 points)

### Using various resources

2.5. Read the text below and answer the question.

*In the spring, the grain became more expensive, and people were starving. In the Unchong province (ju), Hyundok, who was poor, cut a piece from his own leg, since he had no food to feed his father. When this news reached the wang, he bestowed a generous reward on Hyundok and ordered to place honorary signs on the gates of his house...*

Question: Which part of Hyundok's actions, in terms of Confucian ethics, earned him a reward from the wang?

Your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

2.6. Read the text below and answer the question.

*So it is that long ago Yao (the Supreme One) said to Shun (the Watchman), "I want to attack the rulers of Tsung, K'uai, and Hsu-ao. Since I have turned my face to the South, this thought nags at me. Why is this?"*

*Shun replied, "These three rulers are only little dwellers in the weeds and brush. Why this nagging desire? Long ago, ten suns came out all at once and the ten thousand things were all lighted up. And how much greater is your virtue than these suns!"*

Question: What does 'turn one's face to the South' mean in this context?

Your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

2.7. Give names of the buildings featured in the pictures below. In which cities are they located (insert the numbers of pictures and the names of cities)?



1)



2)



3)



4)

Your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

2.8. See the picture below. What is this object called? What was it used for?



Your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### Part III (40 points)

Select and complete **ONLY ONE** block of assignments below:

#### Block 1. ARAB COUNTRIES

Select **ONE** topic from the list below and write a short essay:

1. Possible ways to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict.
2. USSR/Russia partnerships with Arab countries: history and outlook for the future.
3. The Arab Spring: causes and consequences (use the case of one country as an example).

#### Block 2. CHINA

Select **ONE** topic from the list below and write a short essay:

1. China and the West in the second half of 19<sup>th</sup> century

2. China’s role in maintaining peace and security in the Asia-Pacific.
3. Contemporary pop culture in China and its expansion to the West.

**Block 3. KOREA**

**Select ONE topic from the list below and write a short essay:**

1. The image of North Korea in contemporary Russian media.
2. The strategic partnership between South Korea and America: its role in terms of maintaining security in the Asia-Pacific.
3. The dialogue between South and North Korea: current state of affairs and outlook for the future.

**Block 4. JAPAN**

**Select ONE topic from the list below and write a short essay:**

1. The US role in shaping Japan’s foreign policy after 1945.
2. Special aspects of Japan-Russia relations in the Post-Soviet era.
3. Tea ceremony as a part of Japan’s traditional culture.

**ESSAY**

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