

Вопрос **Инфо**

Уважаемые участники!

Олимпиадное задание по направлению «Политология» состоит из двух частей:

**Инвариантная часть** представлена заданием № 1. Его нужно выполнить всем участникам.

**Вариативная часть** разделена на треки:

- Трек «Политика. Экономика. Философия»: задание № 2.
- Трек «Прикладная политология»: задание № 3.
- Трек «Сравнительная политика Евразии»: задание № 4.

Вы можете сосредоточиться на заданиях конкретного трека, чтобы претендовать на статус дипломанта I, II, III степени, или постараться решить задания любых двух треков на высоком уровне, чтобы претендовать на статус медалиста по направлению.

Участники, выбирающие треки «Политика. Экономика. Философия» и «Сравнительная политика Евразии» инвариантную и вариативную части выполняют **только на английском языке**.

Участники, выбирающие трек «Прикладная политология», выполняют инвариантную часть на английском языке, вариативную часть – на русском или английском языках.

Все задания выполняются в этой системе: решения вносите в специальное поле для ответов. При выполнении заданий вы можете пользоваться любыми онлайн-словарями и онлайн-переводчиками для перевода отдельных слов и выражений: переход на другую вкладку/другое окно для перевода не будет считаться нарушением. Использование черновиков, других сторонних ресурсов и справочных материалов строго запрещено.

Верим в ваш успех!

Вопрос 1

Балл: 50,00

*Инвариантная часть. Это задание обязательно для всех участников*

Язык написания инвариантной части – **только английский**.

Read the text ([follow the link](#)).

It is an academic essay by a well-known scholar in a top academic journal. After reading and rereading the text, you are to write an abstract for this text that is to be around 100–150 words long. You are also to provide coherent answers to four questions:

1. What is the main theoretical perspective presented in the text? How relevant is it to explain the current challenges of overpopulation, security, and environmental protection?
2. Do you think that environmental factors and climate change in general could be key reasons for future military conflicts?
3. In this debate between environmental pessimists and optimists, which side would you take? What are the most appealing arguments from both sides, and which arguments are more arguable in your opinion?

4. Aren't we overestimating the role of technological and social innovations to tackle the challenges mentioned in the essay? How significant will their future contribution be, and what are the risks associated with their uncontrollable implementation?

Start with the abstract and then provide your answers to the questions.

Вопрос 2

Балл: 50,00

Участникам предлагается написать академическое эссе по одной из предложенных ниже тем. Язык написания эссе – **английский**.

1. "In a recent survey of professional economists, the proposition *"Some restrictions on the flow of financial capital are essential to the stability and soundness of the international financial system"* received about 25% responses "Agree" and about 36% responses "Disagree" (the rest of responses remaining in between). Provide arguments in support of both opposing views, assess their relative strengths and weaknesses, and argue your own position concerning measures of economic policy in this sphere".

2. For many decades, rebellious and genocidal AIs in the shape of sentient robots or rogue software have been among popular culture's favorite villains. Advances in computer sciences and robotics have not materialized into anything close to a dreadful Skynet or an autonomous cybernetic assassin. Despite massive investments and competing R&D projects attracting many talents from all over the world, artificial general intelligence is nowhere near. Yet, more academics, politicians, activists, and entrepreneurs are raising alarms about the negative consequences of AI-powered technologies in many spheres of life.

*You may choose one of the following questions to organize your arguments into an academic essay. You are to substantiate your arguments with something more solid than your common sense.*

(a) When the AI issue is brought into meaningful political, security, ethical, etc. discussions, what should we *really* worry about most? Are the grounds of our current (or recurring) fears and vocal alarms misplaced?

(b) Can existential threats from the AI be avoided? If these threats are not misplaced, what problems are to be solved to avoid extinction from intelligent machines and make them human friendly? *You may want to take a political, economic or ethical perspective to answer this question*

3. What has the global COVID-19 pandemic revealed about advanced (or – if you like – developing) states and societies? *You may want to take a political, economic or philosophical perspective to answer this question.*

4. The classic theory of formation of political party systems stipulates that its configuration depends on the salient socio-economic cleavages present in a given society. Do you believe that this theory is appropriate to explain and analyze the current Russian party system? If yes, which cleavages have the most profound impact on its configuration? If no, which factors determine the formation and evolution of the Russian party system?

5. The concept of bounded rationality has been a key element of different public policy studies since the 1950s. It is fundamental for understanding the nuances of the policymaking process, but do you think there is a trend in how it is changing over time? Shall we say that decision makers in democratic institutional landscapes have become more (or less) rational in recent years, or does the overall level remain the same? *Provide examples and factual information to support your argument.*

6. "Nudging" in public policy is based on the assumption that individuals use mental "shortcuts" in their routine decision-making and that these "shortcuts" do not always serve their best interests. By "nudging," we do not focus on persuading them what action will better serve their long-term welfare. The idea is to design a specific choice environment so that when people use familiar shortcuts, the most reliable option available to them will be one that is likely to serve their own welfare, and that of society more broadly. What ethical and efficacious constraints do you see in relation to this approach in policymaking?

Вопрос 3

Балл: 50,00

Участникам предлагается написать академическое эссе по одной из предложенных тем. Язык написания эссе – **русский или английский**.

1. Как особенности социального капитала влияют на политические институты в современной России?
2. Политическая поляризация в современных обществах: как измерять?
3. Социальная сеть «ВКонтакте» как объект исследования политической науки: методы, возможности, ограничения.

Вопрос 4

Балл: 50,00

Участникам предлагается написать академическое эссе по одной из предложенных тем. Язык написания эссе – **только английский**.

1. The conflict around Nagorno Karabakh: the prospects for resolving
2. How the 2023 earthquake can influence the Turkish politics
3. Russia's international politics in the Central Asia in the 2010-2020s