

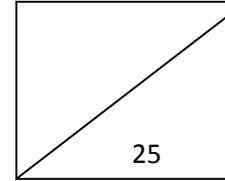


HWA CHONG INSTITUTION (High School Section)

INTEGRATED HUMANITIES

SEC. 3 PPE

TOPIC: READING QUIZ (3)



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**Section 1: Data response [5 marks]**

*The following questions are on International Trade:*

[\*China-U.S. Trade Issues\*](#) published in Congressional Research Service, 2011.

| Year                          | U.S. Exports | U.S. Imports |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1980                          | 3.8          | 1.1          |
| 1985                          | 3.9          | 3.9          |
| 1990                          | 4.8          | 15.2         |
| 1995                          | 11.7         | 45.6         |
| 2000                          | 16.3         | 100.1        |
| 2005                          | 41.8         | 243.5        |
| 2006                          | 55.2         | 287.8        |
| 2007                          | 65.2         | 321.5        |
| 2008                          | 71.5         | 337.8        |
| 2009                          | 69.6         | 296.4        |
| 2010 Projections <sup>a</sup> | 96.7         | 345.9        |

a. What is the U.S Balance of Trade in 2009? \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

b. How do you characterize US Trade Balance in 2009? \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

c. Explain ONE factor that may explain US Trade Balance in 2009? \_\_\_\_\_ [3m]

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## Section 2: Multiple Choice [6 Marks]

*The following questions are on International Trade:*

1. Country A is importing more than what it is exporting. This is an example of\_\_\_\_
  - a) Trade surplus
  - b) Trade deficit
  - c) Trade imbalance
  - d) Trade limitations ( )
  
2. The following are examples of trade liberalization except\_\_\_\_.
  - a) Embargo
  - b) Sanction
  - c) Quotas
  - d) None of the above ( )

*The following questions are on the Role of Government:*

3. Which of the following is NOT an example of government expenditure?
  - a) The COMCARE Fund
  - b) The Pensions Scheme
  - c) HDB Upgrading
  - d) Income Tax ( )
  
4. The following are examples of the economic role of government except\_\_\_\_.
  - a) Meeting the welfare needs of the citizens
  - b) Meeting the defence needs of a country
  - c) Maintaining the public infrastructure
  - d) Punishing law breakers ( )
  
5. Human Rights may be defined as\_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) Ethics
  - b) Law
  - c) Freedoms
  - d) All of the above ( )
  
6. Country A is experiencing hyperinflation. Economists will predict the following except\_\_\_\_
  - a) Low savings rate
  - b) High rates of social unrest
  - c) High savings rate
  - d) Government instability ( )

### Section 3: Source-based Reasoning [14 Marks]

#### Background

Muammar Gadhafi has ruled over Libya for more than four decades, and had supported Mubarak during the Egyptian uprising in January 2011. Three days after the fall of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, calls went out on Facebook on 14 Feb 2011 for peaceful demonstrations in Libya against long-time dictator. But the outcome in Libya was radically different from the outcome in Egypt.

#### Study Source A

- a. Using what you have learnt on International Trade, explain how an economist would justify Mr. Ban's proposal? [7]

#### Study Source B

- b. Using what you have learnt on the role of government, explain why the United Nations proposed the referral of Libya to the International Criminal Court? [7]

**Source A:** *Excerpt of the decision made at the United Nations Security Council on Libya dated 27 Feb 2011.*

Speaking at a meeting of the UN Security Council in New York, the global body's secretary general urged the council to take "decisive action" on the Libya. Mr Ban Ki Moon said 22,000 people had fled Libya via Tunisia, and a further 15,000 via Egypt. Diplomats at the UN Security Council say Britain and France have drawn up a draft resolution with a package of measures aimed at isolating Libya's political and military leaders. Elements could include targeted sanctions, an arms embargo, and a proposed referral of the situation in Libya to the International Criminal Court.

**Source B:** *Excerpt from a BBC News Report dated 27 Feb 2011.*

Earlier, an emergency session of the UN recommended suspending Libya from the body (UN), and authorized an international investigation into the violence in the country with a view to prosecuting those responsible. "Much larger numbers are trapped and unable to leave," it added. "There are widespread reports of refugees being harassed and threatened with guns and knives." White House spokesman Jay Carney said the Obama administration was acting "to put pressure on the regime" to cease the violence. "Colonel Gaddafi has lost the confidence of his people," he added.