

Core Concepts of International Diplomacy

Diplomacy · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. Which 1961 international treaty establishes the framework for diplomatic relations and defines the privileges of a diplomatic mission?

- A) Treaty of Versailles
- B) Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations**
- C) Geneva Protocol
- D) Kyoto Protocol

2. What is the term for the formal letter from one head of state to another that accredits a diplomat to a foreign country?

- A) Letters of Credence**
- B) Pro Memoria
- C) Note Verbale
- D) Aide-mémoire

3. In diplomatic protocol, what is the 'doyen' of the diplomatic corps?

- A) The youngest ambassador
- B) The ambassador who has served the longest in that country**
- C) The ambassador from the most powerful nation
- D) The host country's Minister of Foreign Affairs

4. What is an 'agrement' in the context of international diplomacy?

- A) A formal declaration of war
- B) The host country's consent to the appointment of a specific diplomat**
- C) A trade agreement between two nations
- D) A secret intelligence sharing pact

5. What does the diplomatic status of 'persona non grata' signify?

- A) A diplomat is granted extra security
- B) A diplomat is officially recognized as a citizen
- C) A diplomat is unwelcome and must be recalled or have their status terminated**
- D) A diplomat is authorized to bypass local laws

6. Which document is considered a 'non-paper' in diplomatic negotiations?

- A) A legally binding treaty
- B) An unofficial discussion document used to float ideas without committing to them**
- C) A formal public speech
- D) A document signed by the UN Security Council

7. What is the term for a diplomatic mission headed by a Charge d'Affaires rather than an Ambassador?

A) Consulate

B) Legation

C) High Commission

D) Embassy

8. Under the Vienna Convention, which areas of a diplomatic mission are strictly 'inviolable' and protected from host-country entry?

A) Only the ambassador's residence

B) The entire premises of the mission including archives and documents

C) Only the public reception areas

D) The mission vehicles only

9. What is a 'demarche' in diplomatic practice?

A) The removal of a diplomat

B) A formal diplomatic representation of an official position or request to a foreign government

C) A secret agreement between two nations

D) A formal state dinner invitation

10. In the context of international relations, what is the 'Host Country' known as in the Vienna Convention?

A) Sending State

B) Receiving State

C) Third-party State

D) Neutral Territory

11. What does 'exequatur' refer to in the context of consular relations?

A) The dismissal of a consul

B) The authorization given by the host country to a consul to exercise their functions

C) A visa for a diplomat

D) A diplomatic immunity certificate

12. What does the term 'ratification' signify in the process of international treaty-making?

A) The initial draft of a document

B) The final confirmation and legal acceptance of a treaty by a state

C) The expulsion of a foreign diplomat

D) The act of breaking diplomatic ties

13. Which term describes the diplomatic immunity that protects a diplomat from being detained or arrested by the receiving state?

- A) Sovereign Immunity
- B) Personal Inviolability**
- C) Diplomatic Asylum
- D) Extraterritoriality

14. What is the primary function of a 'Consulate' compared to an 'Embassy'?

- A) Protecting the interests of the sending state's citizens and trade**
- B) Conducting high-level political negotiations
- C) Representing the head of state
- D) Drafting international treaties

15. What is a 'bilateral' diplomatic relationship?

- A) A relationship involving three or more states
- B) A relationship between two sovereign states**
- C) A relationship facilitated by an international organization
- D) A private agreement between two individuals

16. What is the purpose of an 'aide-mémoire' in a diplomatic context?

- A) To provide a summary of facts or a record of a discussion to serve as a memory aid**
- B) To formally declare war
- C) To propose a new leader of a country
- D) To request an extradition

17. What is 'multilateral' diplomacy?

- A) Diplomacy conducted between only two nations
- B) Diplomacy involving three or more nations or international organizations**
- C) Diplomacy conducted solely via social media
- D) Diplomacy involving only non-governmental organizations

18. What does the term 'rapprochement' mean in the context of international relations?

- A) The formal declaration of war
- B) The establishment or improvement of diplomatic relations between countries that were hostile**
- C) The process of withdrawing an ambassador
- D) The economic sanctioning of a nation

19. Which historical peace treaty of 1648 is often cited as the foundation of the modern system of sovereign nation-states?

A) Treaty of Westphalia

B) Treaty of Paris

C) Treaty of Tordesillas

D) Congress of Vienna

20. What is the 'Sending State' in the Vienna Convention?

A) The nation that hosts the diplomatic mission

B) The nation that dispatches the diplomatic agents

C) The nation that acts as a mediator

D) The nation where the UN is headquartered