

Foundations of Geopolitics

Geopolitics · Practice Test · 10 Questions

1. According to Halford Mackinder's 'Heartland Theory', which region is considered the geographical pivot of history?

- A) The Americas
- B) Eurasia
- C) Sub-Saharan Africa
- D) The South Pacific

2. What is the primary objective of the 'Rimland Theory' proposed by Nicholas Spykman?

- A) To control the interior of continents
- B) To isolate island nations
- C) To control the coastal fringes of Eurasia
- D) To colonize arctic regions

3. The 'Thucydides Trap' is a theory used to describe the inevitable tension between which two parties?

- A) An established power and a rising power
- B) Two neighboring democratic nations
- C) A colonial state and its territory
- D) Landlocked nations and coastal states

4. Which concept in geopolitics refers to the strategic necessity of maintaining a balance of power to prevent one state from becoming dominant?

- A) Sovereignty
- B) Isolationism
- C) Realpolitik
- D) Containment

5. What term describes a country that is entirely surrounded by land, significantly impacting its trade and defense capabilities?

- A) Archipelago
- B) Landlocked state
- C) Enclave
- D) Buffer state

6. In the context of geopolitics, what is a 'chokepoint'?

- A) A region with no natural resources
- B) A strategic maritime strait or canal
- C) A country with no standing military
- D) A political alliance of landlocked nations

7. Which theory argues that the control of the seas is the ultimate key to global power?

- A) Mahan's Sea Power theory
- B) Mackinder's Heartland theory
- C) Ratzel's Lebensraum theory
- D) The Domino theory

8. The concept of 'Lebensraum', developed by Friedrich Ratzel, relates to what geopolitical requirement?

- A) The need for maritime trade routes
- B) The need for living space for a state's growth
- C) The importance of democratic institutions
- D) The reliance on renewable energy

9. Which international waterway is the primary shipping lane connecting the Mediterranean Sea to the Indian Ocean?

- A) Panama Canal
- B) Strait of Malacca
- C) Suez Canal
- D) Strait of Hormuz

10. What does the term 'buffer state' denote in geopolitics?

- A) A state that has no formal government
- B) A small country situated between two larger, rival powers
- C) A state that focuses solely on space exploration
- D) An island nation with no borders