

Key Events in International Relations History

International Relations · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. In which year was the United Nations (UN) officially founded?

- A) 1919
- B) 1945**
- C) 1955
- D) 1991

2. Which 1648 peace treaties are widely recognized as establishing the modern system of sovereign nation-states?

- A) Peace of Westphalia**
- B) Treaty of Versailles
- C) Treaty of Utrecht
- D) Congress of Vienna

3. Which Western military alliance was established in 1949 to provide collective security against the Soviet Union?

- A) Warsaw Pact
- B) NATO**
- C) ASEAN
- D) European Union

4. Which 1919 peace treaty ended World War I and created the League of Nations?

- A) Treaty of Versailles**
- B) Treaty of Paris
- C) Treaty of Ghent
- D) Treaty of Tordesillas

5. How many permanent members sit on the United Nations Security Council?

- A) 3
- B) 5**
- C) 10
- D) 15

6. In which year did the Berlin Wall fall, symbolizing the end of Cold War divisions in Europe?

- A) 1979
- B) 1989**
- C) 1995
- D) 2001

7. What was the main purpose of the U.S.-sponsored Marshall Plan initiated in 1948?

A) Rebuilding Western European economies after WWII

- B) Funding space exploration
- C) Establishing a common world currency
- D) Rebuilding East Asian infrastructure

8. In 1962, the Cold War came close to nuclear conflict during a crisis over Soviet missiles placed in which country?

A) Cuba

- B) Japan
- C) Iceland
- D) Cyprus

9. Which regional organization was established in 1967 by five Southeast Asian nations to promote economic and regional cooperation?

A) ASEAN

- B) African Union
- C) OAS
- D) Arab League

10. The 1957 Treaty of Rome created which international community, serving as a key precursor to the European Union?

A) European Economic Community

- B) League of Nations
- C) African Union
- D) Commonwealth of Nations

11. Which set of international treaties updated in 1949 established legal standards for humanitarian treatment during war?

A) Geneva Conventions

- B) Kyoto Protocol
- C) Paris Accords
- D) Vienna Convention

12. The 1955 Bandung Conference in Indonesia led to the establishment of which international grouping during the Cold War?

A) Non-Aligned Movement

- B) Group of Eight
- C) European Union
- D) Warsaw Pact

13. In which city is the main official headquarters of the United Nations located?

- A) Geneva
- B) London
- C) New York City**
- D) Paris

14. In December 1991, which superpower officially dissolved, marking the formal end of the Cold War?

- A) Soviet Union**
- B) British Empire
- C) Ottoman Empire
- D) Austro-Hungarian Empire

15. In which Dutch city is the International Court of Justice (ICJ) seated?

- A) Amsterdam
- B) Rotterdam
- C) The Hague**
- D) Utrecht

16. Signed in 1959, which treaty designated an entire continent strictly for peaceful and scientific purposes?

- A) Antarctic Treaty**
- B) Arctic Pact
- C) Oceanic Accords
- D) Paris Climate Treaty

17. The 1978 Camp David Accords resulted in a historic peace agreement between Israel and which nation?

- A) Egypt**
- B) Syria
- C) Iraq
- D) Saudi Arabia

18. Following the Battle of Solferino in 1859, Henry Dunant founded which global humanitarian organization?

- A) International Red Cross**
- B) Amnesty International
- C) Doctors Without Borders
- D) Oxfam