



Newbie Assignment

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Please read the packet *The United Nations: Overseeing the new world order* and answer the questions below.

Introduction

1. What is the principal purpose of the United Nations?

2. List two ways in which the member states restrict the power of the United Nations.

1. _____

2. _____

3. On which UN body does the secretary-general rely?

4. What are Articles 44 and 45 of the United Nations Charter supposed to do?

5. Name two other UN bodies.

1. _____

2. _____

A Brief History

6. What were three things the League of Nations accomplished before its dissolution?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

7. On which day did the United Nations come into existence, and with how many member states?

8. Which war (not including World War II) influenced the United Nations the most?

9. Which military operation best exemplifies the UN's force?

The UN System

10. How many fundamental commissions are there in the United Nations Organization?

11. Which two international organizations work closely with the United Nations?

1.

2.

12. List the six principle organs of the United Nations below.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

13. What is the administrative and management arm of the United Nations?

14. From whom do the civil servants of the organization from question 13 take orders?

15. How does the United Nations contribute to world peace, even if it is not efficient?

The General Assembly

16. What fraction of the General Assembly's total votes is required for important decisions?

17. Does the General Assembly have any legally binding force for governments?

Yes No

18. What are the six main committees of the General Assembly?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

19. Can the General Assembly take action in respect of specific security disputes?

- Yes No

The Security Council

20. What does Article 25 of the United Nations Charter state?

21. The Security Council consists of _____ members.

22. List the five permanent members of the UN Security Council.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

23. Decisions on substantive matters can be made without the unanimous consent of the five permanent security council members.

- True False

The Limits of UN Power

24. Is the United Nations a world government?

- Yes No

25. On whom does the United Nations depend to give it the means to enact its decisions?

26. What type of intervention is the United Nations unable to carry out?

- International Domestic

27. Which of the following is an example of an international affair?

- George W. Bush's re-election
- The American Civil War
- Iraq's invasion of Kuwait
- Yiding, Hyunji, and Jackie getting into a fight

28. Which of the following is an example of a domestic affair?

- The American invasion of Iraq
- Healthcare reform in the United States
- Venezuela ending diplomatic relations with Colombia
- The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria by a Serbian

29. Which organization settles disputes between different countries?

30. As of August 15, 1994, how much of the UN's regular budget and peacekeeping assessments were unpaid?

31. What is the minimum percentage of the UN's budget each country is expected to contribute?

32. What does the United Nations need the most in order to fulfill its peacekeeping and peacemaking missions?

- Nuclear bombs
- Tanks
- Ammunition
- Troops

The New World Disorder

33. What were UN troops accused of doing in Somalia?

34. What were the most shocking experiences UN peacekeepers encountered in the Balkans?

35. Under which two main categories do UN peacekeeping operations fall?

1.

2.

36. When are peacekeepers authorized to use force?

37. In modern times, the UN is less involved in negotiating compromise with national leaders and more with whom?

38. What is the UN's best “weapon” for carrying out peace and security?

39. What is the message delivered around the world even in the so-called new world order?

Helping the Disadvantaged

40. The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) has _____ members who each serve for three years.

41. Name ECOSOC's five regional commissions.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

42. Describe the human development index introduced by the United Nations Development Programme.
