

Chapter 01: Global Challenges

Essay

1. What impact is globalization having on the country you live in? Why do you reach this conclusion?

ANSWER: Answers may vary.

2. The text makes the case that change is the only constant in the world today. On the basis of what you already know about the country you live in, does that argument make sense? Why (not)?

ANSWER: Answers may vary.

3. Colonel Christopher Holshek argues that matters over there matters over here. Take one major issue in the world today and assess his statement for the country you live and/or study in .

ANSWER: Answers may vary.

4. With the increasing prevalence of globalization, do you think the United Nations will become more or less relevant than it is now? Do you think we are moving towards or away from the realization of transnational governance? Why?

ANSWER: Answers may vary.

5. The text makes the case that we live in a more complex or interdependent world in which everything and everyone is directly or indirectly connected to everything and everyone else. Given what you know about the country you live/study in, do you agree with that statement? Why (not)?

ANSWER: Answers may vary.

6. The text introduces the term VUCA. What does it mean to you? Is it a good description of the world we live in today? Why do you reach that conclusion?

ANSWER: Answers may vary.

7. The text introduces the term wicked problem. Define it and then assess the degree to which it applies to the country you live/study in.

ANSWER: Answers may vary.

8. Chapter 1 of the text introduces some core concepts in comparative politics, including political culture, political participation, the state, power, public policy, and feedback. Given what you know now, which of the concepts seems most important for understanding political life in the country you live/study in? Why do you reach that conclusion?

ANSWER: Answers may vary.

9. There are tremendous political, economic, and social differences separating the advanced industrialized democracies and the rest of the world. Which of those differences seems most important to you given what you know at this time? Why do you reach that conclusion?

ANSWER: Answers may vary.