

# STUDY GUIDE FOR THE FINAL

## I. CONCEPTS

- war as instrument of policy
- coercive diplomacy
- war as bargaining
- strategic coercion
- deterrence
- compellence
- threat / promise
- credible commitment
- risk-return trade off
- rationalist causes of war
- capitalist encirclement
- command economy
- war communism
- collectivization
- inevitability of war
- imperialist wars
- proletarian revolution
- cordon sanitaire
- communist ideology
- infallibility of Kremlin
- Iron Curtain
- trip-wire (or glass-plate)
- salami tactics
- constrain choice
- relinquish initiative
- mutual alarm
- cut off communication
- reputation
- strategic irrationality
- brinkmanship
- limited retaliation
- hurt-more criterion
- costly signaling
- signal jamming
- screening
- incentive schemes
- moral hazard
- containment
- rollback
- strategic nuclear forces
- tactical nuclear forces
- conventional war
- Massive Retaliation
- Graduated Deterrence
- Flexible Response
- Delicate Balance of Terror
- Mutually Assured Destruction
- first-strike capability
- second-strike capability

- preemptive strike
- vulnerability
- wars of national liberation
- missile gap
- Strategic Triad
- damage-limiting
- counterforce strategy
- countervalue strategy
- Flexible Targeting
- Strategic Sufficiency
- Countervailing Strategy
- low-intensity conflict
- nation-building
- unilateralism

- Brezhnev Doctrine
- Carter Doctrine
- “Sinatra” Doctrine
- Reagan Doctrine
- Weinberger/Powell Doctrine
- Kirkpatrick Doctrine
- Clinton Doctrine
- Bush Doctrine

## IV. PEOPLE

- V.I. Lenin
- Karl Marx
- Joseph Stalin
- Winston Churchill
- Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Harry S. Truman
- Henry Stimson
- James Byrnes
- George Marshall
- Vyacheslav Molotov
- George Kennan
- Dean Acheson
- Josip Tito
- Joseph McCarthy
- Paul Nitze
- Eduard Beneš
- Klement Gottwald
- Chiang Kai-shek
- Mao Tse-tung
- Douglas McArthur
- Nikita Khrushchev
- Leonid Brezhnev
- Jacobo Arbenz
- Castillo Armas
- Władysław Gomułka
- Imre Nagy
- Abdel Nasser
- Fidel Castro
- Anwar Sadat
- John F. Dulles
- Robert McNamara
- Fulgencio Batista
- Charles de Gaulle
- Ho Chi Minh
- Ngo Dinh Diem
- Nguyen Van Thieu
- Henry Kissinger
- Mikhail Gorbachev
- Boris Yeltsin
- Vladimir Putin

## II. GAME THEORY

- strategic interaction
- imperfect information
- incomplete information
- asymmetric information
- pure / mixed strategy
- strategy profile
- best response
- Nash equilibrium
- Prisoner’s Dilemma
- perfect equilibrium
- backward induction
- sequential rationality
- consistent beliefs
- sequential equilibrium
- Crisis / Escalation Games
- separating equilibrium
- pooling equilibrium
- semi-separating equilibrium

## III. DOCTRINES

- Long Telegram
- Sources of Soviet Conduct
- Domino Theory
- Truman Doctrine
- Marshall Plan
- Defensive Perimeter
- NSC-68
- Peaceful Coexistence
- New Look
- Eisenhower Doctrine
- No-Cities Doctrine
- Nixon Doctrine

- Slobodan Milosevic
- Zbigniew Brzezinski
- Cyrus Vance
- Caspar Weinberger
- George Shultz
- Colin Powell
- Ayatollah Khomeini
- Saddam Hussein
- Yasser Arafat
- Menachem Begin
- Yitzhak Rabin

## V. WARS & CRISES

- First World War, 1914-1919
- October Revolution
- Russian Civil War, 1918-21
- Russo-Japanese War, 1904-05
- Russo-Polish War, 1920
- Khalkhin Gol  
(Russo-Japanese), 1939
- Winter War (Russo-Finnish), 1940
- Second World War, 1939-1945
- Iranian Crisis, 1946
- Turkish Crisis, 1946
- Greek Civil War, 1947-48
- Prague Coup, 1947
- Berlin Airlift, 1948-49
- Israel's War of Independence, 1948
- Berlin Crisis, 1958
- Berlin Wall, 1961
- Bay of Pigs, 1961
- Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962
- Korean War, 1950-53
- Guatemala, 1953

- Iranian Coup, 1953
- Polish October, 1956
- Hungarian Revolt, 1956
- Sinai/Suez War, 1956
- Six Days War, 1967
- War of Attrition, 1968-70
- Yom Kippur War, 1973
- Vietnam War, 1954-75
- Prague Spring, 1968
- Iranian Revolution, 1979
- Soviet-Afghan War, 1979-89
- Lebanon, 1982
- First Persian Gulf War, 1990-91
- Somalia, 1993
- Bosnia/Kosovo, 1991-99
- Afghanistan War, 2001-02
- Second Persian Gulf War, 2003

## VI. EVENTS & MISC.

- Bolsheviks
- CPSU
- Brest-Litovsk Peace
- New Economic Policy (NEP)
- Five-Year Plan
- Nazi-Soviet Pact
- Big Three
- Yalta Conference
- Potsdam Declaration
- Hiroshima / Nagasaki
- Japanese surrender
- Soviet "betrayal" in China
- IMF
- IBRD (World Bank)
- National Security Act, 1947
- European Recovery Program
- Cominform
- Expulsion of Yugoslavia
- NATO
- SEATO
- Year of Shocks
- Rio Treaty
- Warsaw Pact
- Soviet A-bomb
- Hydrogen bomb
- "loss" of China
- McCarran Internal Security Bill
- Sputnik
- ICBM/SLBM
- SAC
- ABM/BMEWS
- MIRV
- Sino-Soviet split
- Great Leap Forward
- Alliance for Progress
- Dien Bien Phu
- Viet Cong
- Geneva Accords, 1954
- Gulf of Tonkin Resolution
- War Powers Act
- Tet offensive
- Vietnamization
- Cambodia, 1971
- Christmas Bombing
- Paris Peace Agreement, 73
- Sandinistas/Contras
- Camp David Accords, 1978
- SALT / ABM Treaty
- START
- INF Treaty
- CFE Treaty
- SDI (BMD)
- Taliban
- Sunni/Shia Muslims
- IDF/PLO