**Summative Essay is 3000 words**

**2pm Friday, the 2th of April**

**A critical exploration of the question:**

**Critical assess how Two/Three Asian States [of your choice] face [the challenge of your choice]?**

**Select least two states, but no more than three.**

**In the essay you should briefly introduce why you chose the states you have (all choices must be justified).**

**Introduce the challenge of your choice**

**How is the challenge manifest in the states of your choice?**

**How does it differ? How is it the same?**

**How do they each respond? How does it differ? How is it the same? Do they cooperate? Why/Why not?**

**You should explore how the state uses international organisations and multilateral arrangements to safe guard its interests.**

**Marking Criteria**

Critically evaluate mainstream or alternative theoretical perspectives used in International Relations. Critically engage with key questions and arguments in International Relations Theory

Critically assess Asian area studies from a range of approaches and perspectives

Critically analyse Foreign Policy and Area Studies. Critically compare and contrast the interests and priorities of key actors in Asia.

Critically investigate different approaches to (in)security taken by key actors in Asia.

Critically evaluate academic and specialist literature in International Relations and reflect on the contested nature of this discourse.

Using a range of approaches critically analyse the challenges in Asian international relations.

Critically evaluate, synthesise and apply literature of Asian studies to the study of international relations.

Demonstrate a critical understanding of the historical and contemporary nature of conflict and cooperation in the global arena. Critically reflect on the establishment of the Asian security environment/s.

Apply a critical understanding of the historical and contemporary nature of conflict and cooperation in the global arena.

Demonstrate independent thought and evaluate evidence, data and text relating to contemporary International Relations. Sources are adequately and rigorously referenced.

Intellectual choices are justified and explained.

Plan and execute research projects that require analysis of primary and secondary data sources. The introduction and conclusion are well-written and pay credit to the ideas developed in the essay.

The overall form of the essay (editing, style) is of good quality.