

Final Exam Essay Topics (June 9, Wed)

(as much as 50 % of the final exam comes from 2 essays; the other 50 % from the multiple choice part)

Topics

1. The Korea-EU FTA (Supplement 15)
2. China-Taiwan (-Chinese Taipei) Cooperation (Supplements 11 and 12)
3. Greece Reaches Agreement on Bailout (Supplement 16)
4. The ASEAN-plus-Three (Supplements 13 and 14)
5. The IMF (Supplements 9 and 10)

You are to write 2 essays *in your own words*. Develop/write the first one (or a draft of it) ahead of time before you come to class on Wed. Then you can transfer that draft to the blank handout that will be handed to you.

Essay #1:

Required: Pick either topic #1 or #2 or #3 for your first essay (this will be worth as much as **30 %** of the final exam).

Essay #2:

Then, for your second essay, I will decide on Wed. (June 9) which of the topics #4 or #5 I will assign you to write about (this second essay could be worth as much as the remaining **20 %**).

Use the following guide questions below to prepare your essay.

1. The Korea-EU FTA Essay Guide Questions: (9-12 sentences total, more if you want to). Refer to these guide questions as you write the essay. This means that your essay should contain the answers to these questions. But try to connect the sentences so that they flow smoothly and your essay does not appear as though you are simply answering the questions.

- a. What is the Korea-FTA about?
- b. When was it started?
- c. What are the issues that are holding it back, meaning, what are the concerns of one of the parties that are preventing the signing of the agreement? Discuss why.
- d. What do you understand by “duty drawback?”
- e. What do you understand by the “country of origin” issue?
- f. In your opinion, do you think the FTA agreement will be signed sooner or later? Discuss why or why not?
- g. Which side do you think wants the FTA agreement more, Korea or the EU? Why?
- h. Which country or countries in the EU do you think will be affected more by the Korea-FTA if it passes? Why?

Note: In writing the essay, use your own words, meaning do not use the author’s words. Paraphrase.

2. The China-Taiwan Cooperation Essay Guide Questions: (9-12 sentences total, more if you want to)

- a. What is the China-Taiwan cooperation story about?
- b. When was it started? Which party initiated (started) it?
- c. Why was it started at all?
- d. What has been accomplished already?
- e. What other things are planned in the future?
- f. Which side benefits more do you think? Why?
- g. Which side do you think wants this more? Why?
- h. Why is this development (this event) important, if at all?
- i. How does this increased cooperation help China in the long run?

3. Greece Reaches Agreement on Bailout Essay Guide Questions: (9-12 sentences total, more if you want to)

- a. What is the purpose of the Greek bailout?
- b. What does it (the bailout) hope to avoid or prevent from happening in the European Union?
- c. What is unusual about the Greek debt situation? What is at stake?
- d. What are the longstanding problems of the Greek way (or aspects) of living that has contributed to the present problem?
- e. Discuss the austerity measures that the Greek government promised in return for the bailout money.
- f. What is the role of the Greek civil servants in all this? Meaning, why are the Greek civil servants important?
- g. What kind of pressure does the government face with the bailout agreement?
- h. How long is Greek economy expected to be in a recession?
- i. Why is a debt restructuring for Greece not considered a good option?