

Midterm Study Guide
POL148B

I reserve the right to make changes to this study guide until class-time the day of the last lecture prior to the midterm.

Exam Format:

The instructions I give at the top of the exam are:

Midterm
POL148B (Scheiner)
Spring 2016
100 total points

- Be sure to write legibly, preferably with blue or black pen ink. (Illegible answers will get a zero.)
- If possible, please write only on one side of each page. (It can be hard to read when front & back of pages have writing on them.) For this reason, you might need 2 blue books.
- Nothing but pens and blue books on your desks. (No dictionaries, please.)
- Pace yourself well – you only have a limited amount of time.
- **Please turn in the exam questions with your answer sheet. Blue books turned in without exam questions will not be accepted.**

You will answer 2 essay questions. Everyone needs to answer the question in Essay A (60 points). For Essay B, you pick ONE of two questions to answer (40 points).

In each answer, be sure to make an argument that you state in your opening paragraph – ideally, in the first sentence.

However, you should offer arguments that indicate a balanced understanding of the issue. In other words, you should also indicate potential shortcomings in your argument and note what the other “side” might argue. In addition, please indicate why your argument is more compelling than what the other side would argue.

In the following pages, I list important terms/ideas to know.

Prewar

- Extent of nationalism, militarism, obedience in Japan prior Meiji
- How late pre-war set stage for post-war

Wartime and early postwar

- What was involved in US Occupation of Japan?
- Maintenance of Bureaucrat power from prewar to postwar
- Change & continuity from prewar to postwar
 - i.e., what major changes were there and what major continuities?
- What was the Reverse Course?
- Why the Reverse Course?
- Role of Korean War in postwar economic revival?

Japanese Society

- Commonalities in Japanese society
- Factors playing a role in Japanese socialization
- Divisions in Japan
- Aging society

Parties

- Names of all major postwar Japanese parties (prior to 1993), what they stood for, and whom they represented
 - Also, rough strength of parties relative to one another
- One and a half party system
- Protests over postwar U.S.-Japan Security Treaty
- When is last time LDP had majority of vote?
- Factions
 - Why are they there?
 - What do they do?
- Kōenkai
- Pre-1993 party system
- Main differences between LDP and JSP
- Why LDP Does Better in Rural (than Urban) Areas?

Electoral Systems and Elections

- SNTV/MMD
- Effects of SNTV/MMD
- SNTV Electoral Outcome Effects
- Malapportionment
- Role (or lack thereof) of electoral system in LDP dominance?
- What sorts of things are emphasized in Japanese elections?
- What important features (e.g., the LDP's faction system) of parties and elections in Japan can be explained by the electoral system?
- Can the electoral system explain one-party dominance and the high levels of clientelism in Japan?
- Is the electoral system responsible for the presence of factions?
- Are other factors also important in bringing about these things (i.e., one-party dominance, clientelism, the faction system)?
 - If so, what are some of these factors?

Clientelism & Pork

- Reasons for Clientelism in Japan
- What types of organizations and individuals were central to the working of clientelism?
- Why Clientelism more important in countryside than in cities?
- Why Don't Parties Make More Mass Appeals?

Japan's Government

- Postwar Constitution
- Parliamentary/Cabinet system
- Role of Civil Service/Bureaucracy in Japan
- MOF
- MITI
- Relationship between politicians and bureaucrats in Japan
- Bureaucrat vs. politician power
- Meaning and importance of “30% local governments”

Japan's Postwar Economy

- Industrial policy
- Miracle Economy
- 1980s Japanese economic strength
- Key Components of Postwar Japanese Economic Policy
- Dual economy
- Income doubling plan
- Nixon shocks
- In what ways did the government play a role in shaping the success of the “miracle economy”?
 - Other reasons (besides government planning) for the big economic growth of Japan from 1950s until the end of the 1980s?
 - Think about which you find more important – government or “other reasons” in Japan's economic success.
- Organization of business and labor
 - What is the impact of such organization?
- Enterprise unions
- Permanent employment
- U.S.-Japan trade tensions
 - What and why?
- Bad Sides of Japanese Economy in the pre-1990s period

Foreign Policy/Security Policy

- Importance of Yoshida in setting Japan's postwar foreign/security policy
- SDF
- 1% of GNP
- Japan has a big or small military?
- Japanese "free ride" on security
 - And does Japan just do what the U.S. wants?
- Official Development Assistance (ODA)

Misc

- What is the 1955 system?
- In what ways have things been difficult in Japan for women, burakumin, ethnic Koreans, and victims of pollution?