

Sample Answers International Organizations

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groups of governments or people from different countries working together to solve an issue that crosses country borders

Intergovernmental Organization - an organization formed with groups of governments for a specific purpose

Nongovernmental Organization (NGO) – groups a voluntary citizens' group that is organized on a local, national or international level and works ; they perform a variety of service and humanitarian functions, bring citizen concerns to governments, advocate for certain issues such as human rights or the environment, and encourage political participation; also known as International Non-Governmental Organization (INGO)

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World Trade Organization 1995 https://www.wto.org/index.htm	Geneva, Switzerland	Intergovernmental	164 members, of which 117 are developing countries or separate customs territories	The primary purpose of the WTO is to open trade for the benefit of all. The WTO provides a platform for negotiating trade agreements and lower obstacles to international trade.	Any state or customs territory with full autonomy in its trade policies may join (“accede to”) the WTO, but WTO members must agree on the terms An individual can support the organization by working for the WTO	A = create new markets; increase gross domestic product (GDP); lower government spending D = outsourcing services - loss of American jobs; intellectual property theft; degrading natural resources.

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North Atlantic Treaty Organization 1949 http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/index.htm	Brussels, Belgium	Intergovernmental	30 member countries from North America and Europe	Protect the member countries from attack, keep peace and security around the world even when it involves non member countries, and provide natural disaster assistance.	<p>A country must meet membership criteria in order to join NATO.</p> <p>An individual can support the organization by working for NATO.</p>	<p>A = increased stability and security; shared intelligence; promotes dialogue and consensus with other member countries.</p> <p>D = As more members join, it could promote further conflict and destabilize Europe as non-NATO countries see it as a threat, unbalanced budget contributions of other countries- two-thirds of NATO's budget is covered by the U. S.</p>
United Nations 1945 http://www.un.org/en/	New York, New York	Intergovernmental	193 countries	Their main purpose is to keep peace, provide stability, and improve the quality of life for the people around the world.	<p>Countries can join the UN by decision of the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council.</p> <p>Individuals can support by donating money, interning for</p>	<p>A = increased influence on international policy, protect American interests abroad, shape international law, develop stronger alliances; promote more democracies worldwide</p> <p>D = giving up some of its sovereignty; spending tax dollars abroad; difficult to</p>

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					the UN or working for the UN.	get countries to follow the rules and regulations; could endanger our troops in other countries wars
International Court of Justice 1945 http://www.icj-cij.org/en	The Netherlands	Intergovernmental	193 UN member countries	This organization acts as a world court and handles cases where two nations are in conflict and provides legal advice for UN member nations.	<p>Countries can become members through meeting the requirements to join the UN.</p> <p>Individuals can intern or work at the World Court.</p>	<p>A = a neutral place to look at answering legal questions for international law; set precedents; highlight atrocities</p> <p>D = ruling is contrary to interests; nations may reject findings</p>