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PROGRAM OF THE ENTRANCE EXAM FOR THE SPECIALTY

**for applicants to study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy
in the specialty C1 Economics and International Economic Relations
(by specialization)
specialization C1.02 International Economic Relations
educational and scientific program "International Economic
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General provisions

The program is the main scientific and methodological document that regulates the content of the entrance exam. It is aimed at ensuring a comprehensive approach to assessing the theoretical and practical training of applicants, to identifying the level of their knowledge

The goal of the program is to determine the scope and necessary level of theoretical knowledge and practical skills of the applicant.

The program provides for in-depth knowledge of the material on the current state of development of the economy and international economic relations and the main problems that exist in this area.

Applicants to postgraduate studies in the specialty C1 Economics and International Economic Relations (by specialization) specialization C1.02 International Economic Relations when taking the entrance exam in the specialty must demonstrate knowledge of the subject and object of international economic relations as a scientific research area, show the ability to comprehensively analyze the material and understand the systematicity as a scientific approach, which is fundamentally important in understanding the essence of international economic relations.

The exam in the specialty has a written form.

The exam paper consists of three theoretical questions. The answer to each question of the examination ticket is estimated at 200 points. The overall score is calculated as the arithmetic mean of the answers to three tasks, rounded to the nearest whole number according to the rules of mathematics.

The maximum number of points that an applicant can receive based on the results of the professional test is 200 points.

Criteria for evaluating answers to exam questions

Evaluation criteria	Total points
Deep knowledge of theoretical and practical aspects of the program material, comprehensive, consistent and competent presentation	175 - 200
Thorough knowledge of the main issues of the program material, logical and competent presentation, avoidance of significant errors in answers	145 – 174
Knowledge of only key issues of the program material, making inaccuracies, not sufficiently correct formulation	125 – 144

Incomplete knowledge of the main issues, the applicant only understands the material in general terms, the answer is incomplete and shallow, the wording is not sufficiently correct, the sequence of the presentation of the material is disrupted, and there are difficulties in giving examples.	100-124
Ignorance of key issues of the program material, inability to support theoretical calculations with practical examples, making significant mistakes	less than 100 points

An applicant is allowed to participate in the competitive selection for enrollment in studies if the score of the professional entrance exam is at least 100 points.

PROGRAM CONTENT

WORLD ECONOMY AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS AS SCIENTIFIC CONCEPTS

The world economy and its reproduction process. Geoeconomic "framework" of the modern world economic system. Geoeconomics. Its purpose and the issues it explores. The concept of the world-system. "Center, periphery, semi-periphery", features of their development and relationships. International economic relations as a science and a system of knowledge. The modern structure of international economic relations. Prerequisites for the formation of industrial civilization and the world market. Scientific and technological structures. Transformational processes in the sphere of production and economic forms of society under globalization. Strengthening the process of monopolization of production and capital. Deepening the process of internationalization of economic life. The monetary and financial system of the world. The modern world monetary system. The International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank - their role in the development of international economic cooperation. Changes in the scale, forms and directions of capital export. Creation of mixed companies, foreign direct investment. Formation of three world centers of economic power. Strengthening the role of TNCs in the world economy. State and trends in the development of international trade. Modern world trends in economic development. Competitiveness of the national economy. Economic security of the country. Modern challenges to humanity and global transformations in the world economy and international relations. Prerequisites for the formation of a post-industrial economy. Signs of the development of the knowledge economy. Ukraine's place in the world economy system.

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM

The essence of the international economic system and the content of its structural elements. Internationalization of economic life, globalization of economic growth as factors of the integrity of the international economic system. Factors of heterogeneity in the development of the world economy. Classification of countries of the world by the level of socio-economic development and national income (typological approach). Characteristic features of the economies of highly developed, moderately developed and developing countries. Socio-economic development of developing countries. The world economy, its mathematical interpretation. Modern development trends. Problems of world economic balance. Increasing inequality in the global economy. Contradictions as a driving force in the formation of the world economic system. Ways of harmonizing international economic relations. Regional economic integration as a regularity of the development of

the world economy. The structure of the modern world economy and the characteristics of its components. Subjects of the world economy and international economic relations. Contradictions in the development of the world economy. The concept of sustainable socio-economic development. Models of economic development. Theoretical and methodological basis of the most important models of economic development. The model of "catch-up modernization", its use by countries of the world. Innovative model of economic development, its main components, possibilities of use. Main forms of territorial organization. Knowledge economy. Innovative model and economic development of Ukraine. Clusters, alliances, networks in the modern world economy.

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION AND COOPERATION OF LABOR

International division of labor (IDL) as a product of industrial civilization. The relationship between the world market and the international division of labor. International division of labor is the basis of international economic relations. Characteristics of the main models of IDL. The theory of absolute advantage of A. Smith, comparative advantage of D. Ricardo. Heckscher-Ohlin-Samuelson model. Leontief's paradox. Theory of development of the "peripheral economy". Analysis of changes in the IDL system under the influence of the scientific and technological revolution and global socio-economic transformation. Dialectics of the international division and international cooperation of labor and production. The main factors of the development of the international division of labor in modern conditions: ensuring the conditions for growth; saving national labor costs, replacing material, financial, technological, investment, and labor resources. The role of scientific potential in the modern IDL system. Forms and types of the international division of labor, specialization and cooperation of production. Economic efficiency of the international division of labor. New phenomena in the international division of labor. Comparative and competitive advantages of the Ukrainian economy in the MSP. National competitiveness of the Ukrainian economy: potential and features of its use.

INTERNATIONALIZATION OF ECONOMIC LIFE IN THE CONDITIONS OF GLOBAL TRANSFORMATION

The essence of the internationalization of economic life. Internal and external factors of the internationalization of production and circulation. Forms of manifestation of the internationalization of economic life. The main stages of the internationalization of economic life. Internationalization of the world economy and globalization as scientific categories. Internationalization of economic activity and economic integration: common and distinctive. Features of the internationalization of exchange. Deepening of intra-industry specialization in the world economy. The essence and forms of international production cooperation. Scientific and technological factors of internationalization. Internationalization of financial capital. Internationalization of production. The role of TNCs in the development of international production ties. Intra-firm international specialization of production in modern conditions. Problems and prospects of multinational production. Development and diversification of forms of international economic relations as a manifestation of the process of strengthening the internationalization of economic life on a global scale.

ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION AS THE MOST IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF MODERN WORLD ECONOMIC PROCESSES

Economic globalization, the form of its manifestation. Criteria, indicators and main indicators that reflect the dynamics of the globalization process. The reasons for the emergence of new subjects of economic globalization (international organizations, the "big seven", regional economic and financial organizations, multinational corporations, institutional investors, etc.). Historical types and structural levels of economic globalization. Economic components of globalization. The place and role of Ukraine in the modern globalization process. The essence and stages of economic globalization. Causes and driving forces of globalization. Trends and contradictions of globalization. Threats of globalization of the world economy. Global problems of our time, their classification. Global problems as challenges to the modern development of human society. Indicators of the degree of integration of the economies of the countries of the world into the global economy. Dynamics of the export quota in modern conditions. Competitiveness in the conditions of globalization. The nature of international competition. Global strategy. Corporate strategy. Global industries. Strategies of the company's penetration into international markets. Globalization and development of TNCs. Advantages that globalization provides to consumers. Advantages that globalization provides to national manufacturers. The main positive consequences of globalization. Causes of economic crises in the context of globalization. The problem of uneven development of the world's countries under the influence of globalization. Problems and negative phenomena caused by globalization processes at the level of individual countries. Problems of globalization and its consequences for developing countries. Possible negative consequences of globalization processes for highly developed countries. Problems in world economic processes caused by globalization. The problem of uneven development of the world's countries under the influence of globalization. Problems and negative phenomena caused by globalization processes at the level of individual countries. Problems of globalization and its consequences for developing countries. Possible negative consequences of globalization processes for highly developed countries. Peculiarities of the development of the economy of Ukraine in the conditions of globalization. The place of Ukraine in the global economic system. Regional and global economic ties of Ukraine.

INTEGRATION PROCESSES IN THE WORLD ECONOMY

The essence of economic integration. Levels of implementation of economic integration and manifestation of its action. Basic requirements for the success of regional economic integration according to the theory of integration. The most important integration economic formations of the world. Integration groupings in developing countries. Southeast Asia - ASEAN; Association for Regional Cooperation in South Asia /SAARC/. South American Economic System /PAES/; Common Market of the Southern Cone Countries /MERCOSUR/; economic unions in Africa, Maghreb Economic Community, Customs and Economic Union of Central Africa /UDAEC/, etc. Informal integration formations: APEC, BRICS. Prospects for Ukraine's participation in international integration associations. European integration vector of Ukraine's foreign economic policy.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

The role of foreign trade in the development of the economies of individual countries. Standard model of international trade. Volume, structure and directions of foreign trade in modern conditions. Main factors of growth of international trade. Geographical distribution of foreign trade. Changes in the commodity structure of foreign trade. Main causes and consequences of the increase in mutual trade between industrialized countries. Decrease in the share of developing countries in international trade. The place of newly industrialized countries in world trade. Modern foreign concepts on international trade. Uneven development of foreign trade. Foreign trade of the main centers of economic power: the USA, the EU, Japan. World trade and TNCs. Services as the most dynamic modern factor of modern world trade. Patterns of pricing on the world market. Market value and production price, international value and world price. Features of pricing in the modern era. Transnational corporations and their influence on the pricing process. Uneven movement of prices on the world market. Dumping prices. Terms of trade and ways of their harmonization. Methods and ways of regulating international trade. Taxation in foreign trade. Non-economic methods of regulation. WTO/GATT and its significance in the development of world trade. Foreign trade of Ukraine. Problems of improving the structure of export-import supplies.

INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES

Internationalization of capital and production in the post-war period. Volumes, dynamics and structure of direct foreign investments. Main flows of international capital exchange. Theories of international capital movement. Trends in the development of international business activity. Social, economic and political consequences of the influence of TNCs on host countries. Criteria for the attractiveness of a country for potential investments from the point of view of TNCs. Problems and contradictions of capital export and strengthening the role of transnational corporations. Factors of international investment. International investment market. Trends in the formation of international investment infrastructure. Changing the share of the main economic centers in capital export, forms and types of foreign investment. Activities of international investment institutions in the field of capital export. Problems of insurance and protection of foreign investment activity. Directions and means of implementing a policy of stimulating foreign investment attraction. Main forms of joint international entrepreneurship. Transnational corporations, joint ventures, free economic zones and their role in the modern world economy. Foreign investments in the economy of Ukraine. Creation of political, economic and regulatory prerequisites for the development of international business activity in Ukraine. Trends and dynamics of attracting foreign investments to the economy of Ukraine.

INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL EXCHANGE

Driving forces of development of modern international productive forces. The role of scientific and technical exchange in the world reproduction process. Scientific and technical revolution and its impact on the development of forms of international economic relations. Forms, scale and structure of international scientific and technical relations. The essence and forms of international technological exchange. International exchange of licenses: objects of licenses, types of license agreements, forms of license payments.

Operations with "know-how" on the international market. Engineering services in international economic relations. Main features of international franchising. Information markets. International regulation of technological exchange. Features of modern international technological exchange. Classification of high technologies. Participation of TNCs in R&D. Main forms of development of international scientific and technical cooperation. Problems of accelerating scientific and technical progress of developing countries. Formation of a technological model of international division of labor. Economic efficiency of international scientific and technical cooperation. Modern trends of Ukraine's participation in international scientific and technological exchange.

INTERNATIONAL LABOR MIGRATION

The world labor market and international labor migration. The concept of international labor migration. Demographic, economic and social factors of international labor migration. Forms of labor migration. International labor migration in the system of international economic relations. Modern concepts of international labor migration. The main economic and social consequences of international labor migration. The main features and directions of modern migration processes. The role of the scientific and technological revolution in the development of labor migration, scientific and engineering and technical personnel. International corporations and labor migration. The impact of economic integration on the internationalization of the labor market. The main international labor markets. Transnational regulation of the labor market. Modern centers of international labor attraction. The role of migrants in the economic development of immigration countries. Principles of immigration policy of the world's states. International labor migration and balances of payments.

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY, FINANCIAL AND CREDIT RELATIONS

The system of international finance. The objective necessity and economic essence of international finance. The purpose, place and role of international finance in the modern world economic system. The evolution of the world monetary system. National and world monetary systems. The Paris system of the gold standard. The Genoa system of the gold exchange standard. Bretton Woods and Jamaican (Kingston) monetary and financial systems. The world financial market and its structure. Financial centers. The international credit market and lending technologies. International credit as an economic category. Forms of international credit. Terms of international credit. International lending and financing of developing countries. Foreign exchange markets and currency operations. Operations on the foreign exchange market. Economic functions of the exchange rate. Methodology for determining exchange rates. Fixed and floating exchange rates. Convertibility of currencies. Finance of transnational companies. Financial policy of corporations. Corporations in the financial market. Placement of temporarily free funds of transnational companies. External means of financing of transnational companies. International settlements. Currency, financial and payment terms of foreign economic transactions. The most common forms of international settlements in world practice. Balance of payments as a final indicator of the country's world economic relations. Economic content of the balance of payments. Structure of the balance of payments. Factors influencing the state of the balance of payments. State regulation of the balance of payments. Balance of payments of Ukraine. Indebtedness in the

system of international finance. Causes of external debt. Problems of servicing external debt. Ukraine in the world financial market.

GLOBAL PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS AS CHALLENGES OF THE MODERN TIMES

The essence and objective prerequisites for the emergence of global problems of our time. The concept and classification of global problems. The arms race as a global problem. The problem of population and its quality of life. The food problem: scope and prospects. The aggravation of the global environmental problem at the present stage. The global water management problem as a factor restraining economic development. The problem of raw material supply of the world economy. The global energy problem and ways to solve it. Socio-political problems. Global problems related to overcoming backwardness, poverty and hunger of developing countries, improving the quality of life of their population. The concept of a new international economic order. Global problems of the world economy, which are determined by the development of scientific and technological progress, education and culture, population growth, strengthening health care. The issue of ensuring national sovereignty in the conditions of aggravation of global problems of the world economy. Problems of external debt of countries. Socio-economic causes of the problem of external debt. Control over the activities of TNCs. Causes of the problem; national levels and international cooperation in the field of control over the activities of TNCs. Forms and methods of control over the activities of TNCs. The role of the UN in solving global problems of today. The "Club of Rome" on the limits of the development of the world economy and population growth. Characteristics of the main futurological concepts of the development of the world economy. The main options and scenarios of world economic development.

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