1.1 Power, sovereignty and legitimacy

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Objective

Define and apply power (hard, soft, three faces), sovereignty, legitimacy and interdependence, and analyse political sources by claim, evidence and perspective (core: understanding power and global politics).

1 Key knowledge and worked examples

Core toolkit. Power is relational: hard (force, sanctions), soft (attraction, culture), smart (the blend); three faces – decide, set the agenda, shape preferences. Sovereignty: internal, external, Westphalian; challenged from above (institutions), below (separatism, non-state actors), within (failure); bundled – pooled, leased, lost by degrees. Legitimacy: Weber's traditional, charismatic, legal-rational; consent tested by performance; the authoritarian dilemma. Interdependence: symmetric or asymmetric; dependence as leverage (chokepoints, clearing, chips). Sources: claim, evidence, perspective; silences are evidence.

2 Practice

2.1 Define power and state why it is relational. [2]

2.2 Distinguish hard power from soft power, with one example of each. [2]

2.3 Name Weber's three types of legitimacy with one example of each. [3]

2.4 State the three directions from which sovereignty is challenged, with one example of any one of them. [3]

2.5 Distinguish symmetric from asymmetric interdependence and say which one creates leverage. [2]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 *(Stimulus style.)* A stimulus reports a mid-sized state defying a great power's sanctions threat to join a regional trade initiative. Using power's three faces and interdependence, explain the outcome. [6]

3.2 *(Concept style.)* "Sovereignty today is bundled, not lost." With reference to one state that pools sovereignty and one whose sovereignty is nominal, evaluate this claim. [5]

3.3 *(Source style.)* An official communiqué states a government "acted to uphold international law". Identify the claim, one piece of evidence a stronger source would need, and one silence. [4]