Solutions

Marking: **M1** a correct method, **A1** the correct answer, **B1** an independent mark.

Each answer shows the steps, then the **result**.

2.1

claim: the UN cannot stop great powers from using force / the Charter's promise of peace is weak in practice; evidence: the five permanent members can veto any action against themselves or their friends

2.2

the large figure stands for a permanent member of the Security Council; the stamp shows that one state can block a resolution supported by others; message: the veto makes the UN weak when a great power's interests are involved

2.3

any two, explained: both are about the use of force between states; A is a legal rule, B an opinion about how the rule works in practice; A has a universal purpose (rules for all members), B was written to persuade readers; A says the Security Council has a role; B says the Council is blocked by the veto

2.4

origin: a newspaper comment; value: it shows a common criticism of the UN in public debate; limitation: an opinion, not a study; it gives no specific cases or numbers; purpose: to persuade readers that the UN is weak; value: makes the veto problem clear; limitation: one-sided; it leaves out UN successes, e.g. peacekeeping or the role of the General Assembly

3.1

self-defence against an armed attack (Article 51); collective self-defence by allies (Article 51); own knowledge: action authorized by the Security Council (Chapter VII)

3.2

Source A forbids force but relies on states to obey and on the Security Council to act; Source B: the veto lets a permanent member block action; the UN has no army of its own; it depends on members to provide forces (own knowledge); self-defence (Article 51) can be claimed to justify force, so the rule is open to interpretation

3.3

Mark with the markbands: [top] a clear answer, both the sources and own knowledge used as evidence, different perspectives weighed, a reasoned judgement; [middle] sources and own knowledge used, some analysis, judgement not fully supported; [bottom] description of the sources only, little analysis. Points that may be included: for: Source B: the veto blocks action against great powers; own example, e.g. the Russian veto on resolutions about Ukraine (2022); the UN has no army; against: Source A sets a clear legal norm against force that most states accept most of the time; interstate wars are less frequent than before 1945; peacekeeping and mediation, e.g. UN missions in Cyprus since 1964;

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the General Assembly can still condemn, e.g. the March 2022 resolution on Ukraine; a reasoned judgement