

Diplomatic History of the United States

Instructions: Read each question carefully. Give some thought before answering. Use an outline to jot down your ideas. Your answer, however, *must* be in prose form and in English. Be sure to use examples to support your statements and arguments. You have two and a half hours (150 min.) to complete this exam.

American foreign policy (or American foreign relations) has often been explained in terms of shifts between isolationism and internationalism.
(25 pts. each question below)

- A. Describe and explain in detail the sources of these two perspectives (from the statement above). From where do these isolationist and internationalist impulses originate? Why and when do they appear?
- B. Use your understanding of Sino-American relations as your focus to discuss and evaluate (in detail) these shifts.
- C. How would you characterize the Truman Doctrine and the Nixon Doctrine (or Guam Doctrine) according to this approach (i.e., isolationism vs internationalism)? Analyze and explain in detail.
- D. Explain in depth whether this approach is still useful and appropriate in understanding and explaining post-cold war American foreign policy. Make sure you support your arguments--pro or con--with specific examples showing your understanding.