



## **Introduction**

The Program on the "Social and Economic Geography of the World" of the entrance examination in oral form is designed for foreign citizens who enter the study for a Bachelor's degree.

The content of the Program corresponds to the list of the topics in the course of socio-economic geography of the world in the senior classes (grades 10-12) of secondary schools of Ukraine.

The Program is designed to help clarify the knowledge of a foreign entrant knowledge of socio-economic geography of the world at a level sufficient for successful study at V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University.

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## **Thematic plan of the Program**

### **GEOGRAPHICAL OVERVIEW OF THE GLOBE**

The concept of the maps. Types of the maps. Scale on the map. Degree network on the map. Latitude and longitude. The size of the globe. Forms of the earth's surface: plains, lowlands, plateaus, mountains. The concept of the hydrosphere. World ocean and its parts: oceans, seas, bays, straits.

### **SOCIO-ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY OF THE WORLD**

Sections of the geographical science. The subject of socio-economic geography of the world.

### **GENERAL ECONOMIC AND GEOGRAPHICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE WORLD**

#### **Political map of the world**

Modern political map of the world. Differences between the concepts of "country", "state", "dependent country", "colony". Typology of countries. Classification of countries by form of government. Forms of administrative-territorial organization. Differences between federal states. Formation of a political map of the world at the present stage. International organizations, their functional and spatial distribution. General political (UN, Council of Europe,

European Parliament, CIS) and special (European Union, NATO, UNESCO and other organizations).

### **The world's population**

Number of population. Population reproduction. Demographic processes and demographic policy. Gender, age, national and linguistic composition of the population. Age composition of the population. Labor resources. Religion as a cultural phenomenon. World religions. Migration processes. Causes and problems of external migration flows. Problems of employment and unemployment.

### **Interaction of society and nature.**

World natural resources. Geographical environment as a sphere of interaction between society and nature. Nature management: water, oceans, recreational, rational and irrational. World natural resources. Resource security. Geography of the world's natural resources: mineral, land, forest.

### **World economy**

Modern world economy. International Geographical Division of Labor (MGRT). Stages of formation of the world economy. World economy in the period of STR, the impact on the sectoral structure and territorial organization of production. Industry. Geography of the main industries of the world (energy, metallurgy, mechanical engineering, chemical industry, forestry and woodworking industry, light industry, food industry).

World agriculture: importance, intra-industry structure, intersectoral relations, agrarian relations. Geography of the world transport.

### **Global problems of humanity**

The concept of global problems of mankind (war and peace, environmental, raw materials and energy, famine, terrorism, epidemics). The role of the world community in solving them.

### **World economic relations**

Forms of world economic relations. Internationalization, integration, informatization and globalization as the most important trends in the world economy.

## **Questions for the entrance exam**

### **in oral form on the Social and Economic Geography of the World for the foreign citizens who enroll for training for a Bachelor's degree**

1. The concept of a geographical map. Types of maps. Scale and its types.
2. Degree network on the map and its elements. Geographic latitude and longitude.
3. General information about the globe. The size of the globe. Forms of the earth's surface: plains, lowlands, plateaus, mountains.
4. The concept of the hydrosphere. The world ocean and its parts: oceans, seas, bays, straits.
5. Sections of geographical science. The subject of the Social and Economic Geography of the World.
6. Modern political map of the world. Differences between the concepts of "country", "state", "dependent country", "colony".
7. Typology of countries of the World by size, population.
8. Typology of countries by the level of socio-economic development, by the geographical location.
9. Classification of countries by the form of government.
10. Forms of the administrative-territorial system. Differences of federal states.
11. The world's population. Population reproduction. Demographic processes and demographic policy.
12. Gender, national and language composition of the population.
13. Age composition of the population. Labor resources.
14. Religion as a cultural phenomenon. World religions.
15. Migration processes and migration policy of the states. Causes and problems of external migration flows.
16. Geographical environment as a sphere of interaction between society and nature. Nature management: rational and irrational.
17. World natural resources. Resource availability.
18. Geography of the world's natural resources: mineral, land, forest, aquatic, oceans, recreational.

19. Modern world economy. International geographical division of labor (MGDT). Stages of the formation of the world economy. The world economy during the STR.

20. Industry. Geography of the main industries of the World (power engineering, metallurgy, machine building, chemical industry, timber and woodworking industry, light industry, food industry).

21. World agriculture: value, intra-industry structure, inter-branch relations, agrarian relations.

22. Geography of world transport.

23. The concept of global problems of mankind (war and peace, environmental, raw materials and energy, hunger, terrorism, epidemics). The role of the world community in their unleashing.

24. World economic relations. Forms of world economic relations.

**Criteria of the knowledge assessment  
for the entrance exam in oral form with foreign citizens on the subject  
"Social and Economic Geography of the World"**

The entrance exam in oral form consists of three questions, that cover the entire program on the subject of "Social and Economic Geography of the World". When answering each question of the ticket, the entrant must show the following knowledge and skills and get the appropriate number of points:

1) the correct presentation of the material; ability to reveal the content of geographical concepts provided by the Program (from 1 to 8 points);

2) understanding the socio-economic conditionality of world processes, correctness and logical sequence of material presentation (from 1 to 8 points).

3) knowledge of basic terminology in geography, the accuracy of the definitions, formulations, facts (from 1 to 8 points);

4) knowledge of the language of the exam, language culture, mastery of terminology (from 1 to 8 points);

5) ability to work with geographical maps, analyze and use cartographic information, know the modern geographical picture of the world, freely apply geographical concepts and definitions (from 1 to 8 points).

The number of points for one question - 1-40 points. The total number of points scored for the entire ticket - from 1 to 120.

The final grade is formed by the transfer of points obtained in the entrance exam, taking into account the minimum pass, in the rating (on a scale of 100-200 points) by the formula:

Rating score = total number of points scored - 20 + 100 Passing minimum rating:

The passing minimum rating is:

- 1) 100 points - specialties of bachelors, for which the minimum number of points for participation in the competition is 100 points;
- 2) 110 points- specialties of bachelors, for which the minimum number of points for participation in the competition is 110 points;
- 3) 120 points- specialties of bachelors, for which the minimum number of points for participation in the competition is 120 points;
- 4) 150 points - specialties of bachelors, for which the minimum number of points for participation in the competition is 150 points.

### **Recommended literature**

Main literature:

1. Fik Timothy J. [The geography of economic development: regional changes, global challenges](#). McGraw-Hill, 2000. - 305 p.
2. [Cox, K.R., Low, M. and Robinson, J., editors 2008: The SAGE handbook of political geography. London: Sage.](#)
3. Combes, P. P., Mayer, T., Thisse, J.T. Economic Geography: The Integration of Regions and Nations. Princeton: Princeton University Press. 2008. - 414 pp.
4. Martin Jones. An Introduction to Political Geography: Space, Place and Politics, Edition 2, Routledge. 2014. – 260 p.
5. Vincent J. Del Casino Jr. A Companion to Social Geography. John Wiley & Sons, 2011 г. - .568 p

Secondary literature:

1. Economic And Social Geography Made Simple R Knowles , J Wareing– 1990.- 120 p.
2. Political Geography journal for all students with an interest in the geographical and spatial aspects of politics. Publishing Ethics Resource Kit Support Center.

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