

ESSAY

Write an essay in which you will present your opinion and your arguments to an educated reader with no specialist knowledge of the topic.

You should write 250-350 words.

Remember:

You will be judged on the content, organization, logical development and complexity of your essay as well as the richness and precision of vocabulary and grammar, spelling and the suitability for the intended reader.

TOPIC

MILITARY ALLIANCES LEADING TO PEACE OR WAR

Do alliances lead to peace or to war? Despite the fact that military alliances have long been considered a key factor in international politics, this basic question remains largely unanswered.

While some scholars claim that the careful use of military alliances to create countervailing coalitions will deter aggressors and prevent war, others claim that alliance commitments can serve to provoke and to expand war.

Express your opinion and support it with arguments.

Ocjena odgovora: 2+

PRIMJER ODGOVORA – originalni tekst koji sadrži pogreške

Military alliances are well known form of cooperation between different nations or states trough the history. Early states with certain common interests were creating various military alliances with two main reasons, first to join their efforts and powers in order to defend themselves more easily or to prevent future hostile conflict between them. Troughout the history, those alliances were more or less succesfull. In certain cases, some states were forced to enter or to establish alliance in order to preserve the independence or specific form of it. On the other hand, military alliences were formed as result of sharing mutual interests often based upon religion, social or political ground. However, military alliences were very often broken by one of the signed side, or more of them due to the political opportunism. As mentioned, main idea of alliance creation is to provide effective defence wheater by the method of reppeling and deterance with the means of fear, or to neutralize an aggressor with the military means, or by pure force. It is well known that alliences were not accomplished its task completely in meny occasions during the history. Nevertheless, a fact that certain state belong to specific alliance were very often disregarded by the

aggressor. This historic fact is proven by the First and Second World War. However, after the Second World War there has been a period of peace and prosperity in Europe. One of the main reason for the state of peace between the present or formal superpowers were creation of two large military alliences. In spite of the many different crises in the world and constant tensions between a two confronted blocks, we have had a long period of relative peace. We should exclude the situation on Balkan peninsula or former Soviet Union in this regard.

Nowdays, there is only one major military alliance in the world which is still fully operational with no similar counterpart. In this regard, missions and tasks of the NATO alliance has been changed. On of the most important features of this alliance is ability to adopt and modify. NATO alliance is in condition of constant changes and transformations. Wheather in regard of expanding and accepting a new countries as members, weather in regard of modifying or downsizing the personnel structure. For this reasons this alliance has been in the world security theatre for such a long period of time.

KOMENTAR

Kandidat samo djelomično odgovara na temu i ne iznosi jasno svoj stav. U prvom planu je povijesni prikaz teme, a ne argumentacija mišljenja.

Ideje nisu uvijek jasno povezane (npr. " *In certain cases, some states were forced... On the other hand, military alliences were formed...*")

Cjeline, tj. odlomci nisu uvijek grafički odvojeni.

Javlaju se pogreške i u jednostavnijim gramatičkim strukturama (npr. " *one of the signed side*", " *a fact that certain state belong to specific alliance were very often disregarded*", " *One of the main reason...were creation*", " *between a two confronted blocks*", " *missions and tasks of the NATO alliance has been changed*", " *a new countries*")

Iako esej ima neke odlike razine 3 (kandidat koristi apstraktne jezične formulacije i ima dobar raspon vokabulara, koristi i kompleksnije gramatičke strukture), budući da je na temu samo djelomično odgovorio, te da ideje nisu uvijek jasno povezane, a ima i dosta pogrešaka u jednostavnijim gramatičkim strukturama, ovaj esej se ocjenjuje ocjenom 2+.