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IP10320 WAR, STRATEGY AND INTELLIGENCE

Time allowed: **2 HOURS**.

Please answer **TWO** questions from the list provided.

CALCULATORS ARE NOT PERMITTED

STUDENTS MAY SUBMIT ANSWERS TO THIS PAPER IN EITHER
WELSH OR ENGLISH

Once seated, students may complete the front cover of the answer
book(s) and the attendance slip **ONLY**.

**DO NOT TURN THE EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER OVER UNTIL
INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.**

1. Think of a military conflict – it can be one that happened in the past, or one that is ongoing today. Choose **one** side in that conflict, and ethically evaluate their decision to go to war using Just War Theory.
2. 'It is impossible for a conventional state military to totally defeat an insurgency'. Evaluate this statement, drawing on specific examples.
3. Do the benefits of nuclear deterrence, as a military strategy, outweigh its drawbacks? Justify your answer.
4. How should the United Kingdom define its 'grand-strategic' ambitions in the 21st century? Explain your answer.
5. Do technological innovations have the capacity to change the fundamental nature of war, as it is understood by Clausewitz? Answer with reference to **two** concrete examples of technological innovation in war.
6. 'Intelligence failures can be reliably eliminated if we simply learn from past mistakes'. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
7. 'The use of torture for intelligence collection is justifiable, because it keeps ordinary citizens safe'. Evaluate this statement.
8. 'Civilian policymakers have no business making strategic decisions as they have no experience of military combat'. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?