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QUESTION PAPERS

BRANCH: Master of Arts (International Studies)	SEM: II
	APR-2025

Sr. No.	Subject	Available
1.	Understanding Region II: Africa & Scandinavian	
2.	Democracy & Political Institutions	
3.	UN & Other International Organisations	
4.	Multilateral Trade Agreements	
5.	231P26C204 – Urban Economics	
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Semester (December 2024 to April 2025)		
Examination: End Semester Examination April 2025 (PG Programme)		
Programme code: Programme: MA in International Studies	Class: FY	Semester: II
Name of the Constituent College: S K Somaiya College	Name of the Department: Department of International Studies	
Course Code:	Name of the Course: Understanding Region II: Africa and Scandinavian	
Duration: 2 Hrs.	Maximum Marks: 60	
Instructions: 1)Draw neat diagrams 2)Assume suitable data if necessary 3)		
Answer all 4 questions. each question carries an equal mark.		

Question No.		Max. Marks
Q.1 A	What were the major factors in ending colonial rule in Africa after World War II?	15
B	or Explain the origins, movement, and success of Pan-Africanism in the 20 th century.	
Q.2 A	What is Agenda 2063? Critically examine the major challenges in achieving its objectives.	15
B	or Discuss the resource-related conflicts and resource mismanagement in Africa and its implications for economic development and social welfare.	
Q.3 A	Discuss the history and current social, economic and political status of the Indian diaspora in Africa.	15
B	or Discuss Kenya's potential and achievements in sports, the fashion industry and tourism. How do these elements matter in Kenya's soft power?	
Q.4	Write a short note on any two of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• India-Africa Cultural Connect• India-Africa Development Cooperation• South-South Cooperation• South Africa and BRICS	15



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Name of the Constituent College: S K Somaiya College		Name of the Department: Department of International Studies
Course Code:	Name of the Course: Democracy and Political Institutions	
Duration: 2 Hrs.	Maximum Marks: 60	
Instructions: 1) Draw neat diagrams 2) Assume suitable data if necessary 3)		
Answer all the 4 questions, each question carries equal mark.		

Question No.		Max. Marks
Q.1 A	Explain the meaning of liberal democracy. What are the merits and demerits of liberal democracy?	15
B	or Is there a democratic decline in the post-COVID world? Discuss the recent political/electoral trends in Western democracies.	
Q.2 A	Discuss the role of interest groups in public policymaking in modern democracy.	15
B	or Why are political parties significant in modern democracy? Comment.	
Q.3 A	Examine the relevance of India's ancient democratic traditions, values, and practices to today's world.	15
B	or What are legitimate grounds on which civil and political rights can be curtailed in a democracy?	
Q.4	Write a short note on any two of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cooperative Federalism• India is the mother of democracy• Rise of far-right parties in Europe• Rule of Law	15



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April 2025

Examination: End Semester Examination (PG Programmes)

Programme code: Programme: MA in International Studies		Class: FY	Semester: II
Name of the Constituent College: S K Somaiya		Name of the Department: International Studies	
Course Code:	Name of the Course: UN and other International Organisations		
Duration : 2 Hr.	Maximum Marks : 60		
Instructions: 1. Attempt any one option from every question			

Question No.		Max. Marks	CO
Q1	A. Trace the historical foundations, development phases, and major critiques of the United Nations as a global institution. OR B. Examine the organisational framework and categorisation of the five principal UN organs. Support your analysis with recent examples to assess their ongoing significance.	15 marks	
Q 2	A. Outline the history and progression of the International Labour Organisation from its inception in 1919. How has the ILO engaged with decolonisation, racial inequality, and labour rights through the decades? OR B. Assess the current significance of the International Labour Organisation within the global multilateral system of the 21st century.	15 marks	
Q 3	A. Evaluate the impact of BREXIT, rising migration patterns, and the Russia-Ukraine conflict on the stability and unity of the European Union. OR B. Discuss the foundational motivations behind the creation of the European Union. Critically assess its relevance in the geopolitical and economic context of the 21st century.	15 marks	
Q4	A. How has the Asian region transformed since 1945? Provide a critical account of the formation and growth of the Asian Development Bank and its contemporary role in the region's development. OR B. What distinguishes the Asian Development Bank from other Asian financial institutions? Offer a critical evaluation of its current importance.	15 marks	



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April 2025		
Examination: End Semester Examination (PG Programmes)		
Programme code:	Class: FYMA	Semester: II
Programme: Master of Arts in International Studies		
Name of the Constituent College: S K Somaiya College		Name of the Department: International Studies
Course Code:	Name of the Course: Multilateral Trade Agreements	
Duration: 2 Hr.	Maximum Marks : 60	
Instructions: 1)Draw neat diagrams 2)Assume suitable data if necessary 3) Use of Calculator is allowed		

Question No.		Max. Marks	CO
Q1	Answer the following short notes (5 marks each)	15	
a)	South-South Cooperation	5	CO2
b)	Absolute Cost Advantage	5	CO1
c)	International Monetary Fund	5	CO2
Q 2. A	Illustrate the role of the G-20 in global economic governance. How does it contribute to addressing financial and developmental challenges?	10	CO1
Q 2. B	Critically examine the status and progress of India-Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Free Trade Agreement negotiations.	5	CO2
	OR		
Q 2. C	How has India's economic growth contributed to its rising influence in the global economy, and what challenges does it face in sustaining this trajectory?	10	CO1
Q 2. D	Compare different kinds of Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs) and their significance in global trade.	5	CO1
Q 3. A	Apply the Heckscher-Ohlin model to explain trade patterns between developed and developing nations.	10	CO3
Q 3. B	Mentioned a few current global trade issues and challenges.	5	CO4
	OR		
Q 3. C	Imagine you are part of India's negotiation team for the India-Canada Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA). Draft a key argument supporting India's stance.	10	CO3
Q 3. D	Analyze the EU- ASEAN trade relations and their influence on global trade blocs.	5	CO3
Q 4. A	Case Study writing Scenario: Two member nations, Country A and Country B, are involved in a trade dispute. Country A has imposed high tariffs on steel imports from Country B, claiming it is a national security measure. Country B argues that these tariffs violate WTO rules and have significantly harmed its steel industry. As the World Trade Organization (WTO), your role is to resolve this dispute fairly and according to international trade laws.	15	CO4
	OR		
Q 4. B	Person X, an Indian tax resident, has set up a company in Singapore and earns profits there. Typically, he would be taxed in both Singapore and India on the same income, leading to double taxation. However, the India-Singapore DTAA provides relief in the following ways: However, under the DTAA, He can claim relief to avoid being taxed twice.	15	CO4

	<p>Suppose his taxable income in Singapore is ₹80 lakh.</p> <p>He pays 20% corporate tax in Singapore.</p> <p>If the Indian tax on the same income is 14%</p> <p>Identify the problem that he faces due to double taxation.</p> <p>Explain the possible methods he can use to reduce his tax burden under the India-Singapore DTAA.</p> <p>As a policy expert at the World Trade Organization (WTO), and suggest measures or policies that international organizations or both countries can implement to prevent such double taxation issues for global businesses.</p>		
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Examination: End Semester Examination (PG Programmes)

Programme code:

Programme: MA Part I

Class: FY

Semester: II

Name of the Constituent College: S K Somaiya College

Name of the Department: Economics

Course Code: 231P26C204

Name of the Course: Urban Economics

Duration : 2 Hr.

Maximum Marks : 60

Instructions: 1) Draw neat diagrams 2) Assume suitable data if necessary 3)

Question No.		Max. Marks	CO
Q1	<p>Answer A and B or C and D: -</p> <p>A) What is the scope of urban economics in India?</p> <p>B) Explain the need of urban economics</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>C) How do urban areas contribute to the country's GDP?</p> <p>D) What are the drivers of urban economic growth?</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8</p> <p>7</p> <p>8</p>	<p>CO1</p> <p>CO1</p> <p>CO1</p> <p>CO1</p>
Q2	<p>Answer A and B or C and D: -</p> <p>A) Explain the key points of decentralization in India</p> <p>B) Discuss the financial resources available under the Indian federal system</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>C) Explain the functions of State Finance Commissions</p> <p>D) What are the powers of local governments in India?</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8</p> <p>7</p> <p>8</p>	<p>CO2</p> <p>CO2</p> <p>CO2</p> <p>CO2</p>
Q3	<p>Answer A and B or C and D: -</p> <p>A) How do poverty and inequality impact urban areas?</p> <p>B) Describe the nature of urbanization in India</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>C) Analyze the consequences of urban migrations</p> <p>D) Discuss the major issues of urban infrastructure in India</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8</p> <p>7</p> <p>8</p>	<p>CO3</p> <p>CO3</p> <p>CO3</p> <p>CO3</p>
Q4	<p>Answer A and B or C and D: -</p> <p>A) What is a smart city? Discuss the need for smart cities</p> <p>B) What are the key implementation issues faced by smart city projects?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>C) Explain the policy framework for smart cities in India</p> <p>D) Discuss physical and social infrastructure with the help of examples</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8</p> <p>7</p> <p>8</p>	<p>CO4</p> <p>CO4</p> <p>CO4</p> <p>CO4</p>