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Somaiya School of Humanities and Social Science

QUESTION PAPERS

BRANCH: Master of Arts (International Studies)	SEM: I
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Sr. No.	Subject	Available
1.	Public Policy Analysis A + B	
2.	Evolution of India's Foreign Policy A + B	
3.	Theories in International Relations A + B	
4.	Contemporary Geopolitics A + B	
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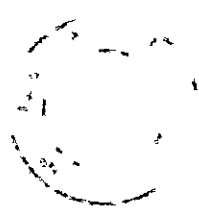


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PG Sem I
MA-IS
ATKT Sem I March 2024



November / December 2024		
Examination: End Semester Examination (PG Programmes)		
Programme code: Programme: MA -IS	Class: FY	Semester: 1
Name of the Constituent College: S. K. Somaiya College.	Name of the Department: International Studies	
Course Code:	Name of the Course: Public Policy Analysis	
Duration : 2 Hrs.	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
Q.1 A	Attempt any one set of the following questions (A OR B) Explain how the Lewis Growth Model of Unlimited Supply of Labour can be applied to understand the role of politics in economic development. Evaluate the impact of the rise of populism on public policy in different countries. How has populism reshaped the priorities and approaches to policy formulation? Provide examples to support your answer.	15	1
B	OR Analyze the issue of manipulation of information in the policy-making process. What are its implications for transparency and accountability in governance? Identify and describe the major instruments of monetary policy.		1 2 1
Q.2 A	Attempt any one set of the following questions (A OR B) What are the key attributes of a good public policy? How does a country's contextual setting influence public policy formulation and effectiveness? Explain Arrow's Impossibility Theorem and its implications for social choice.	15	2 2
B	OR Define fiscal policy and discuss its primary objectives in an economy. Explain how fiscal policy tools such as government spending and taxation can be used to address economic issues like inflation and unemployment. Discuss the challenges of moral hazard and adverse selection.		3 3
Q.3 A	Attempt any one set of the following questions (A OR B) Design a policy analysis framework for addressing the urban issues in Mumbai. Assess a scenario where Pareto optimality is achieved in production.	15	3 3
B	OR Compare the theories of public expenditure, focusing on Wagner's law with a peacock-wisemen hypothesis. Explain different types of public budgets.		3 3
Q.4 A	Attempt any one set of the following questions (A OR B) Explain the concept of Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) and its importance in decision-making for public projects. Using the Net Present Value (NPV) method, evaluate the following project: A government project requires an initial investment of 1,000,000 and is expected to generate cash inflows of 300,000, 350,000, 400,000,	15	4

and 450,000 over the next four years. If the discount rate is 10%, calculate the NPV of the project. Based on your calculation, advise whether the project should be undertaken.

From the following payoff matrix giving the profit or losses of two countries determine:

Dominant strategy for India

Dominant strategy for China

Nash equilibrium, if there is one

		China	
		Low Price	High Price
India	Low Price	1,1	3,-1
	High Price	-1,3	4,2

OR

Cost Matrix: (find best alternative using Hurwitz criterion)

	A	B	C	D
S1	1000	1000	1000	1000
S2	200	2000	2000	2000
S3	-2200	-400	5000	5000
S4	-6200	-4400	10000	10000

Alpha Value is = 0.6

Country	Life Expectancy Index	Education Index	Income index
A	0.80	0.75	0.75
B	0.75	0.60	0.80
C	0.95	0.75	0.65

Using these values, answer the following questions:

Calculate the HDI for each country

Based on your calculations, rank the countries from highest to lowest HDI.

Discuss how every index is calculated in detail.

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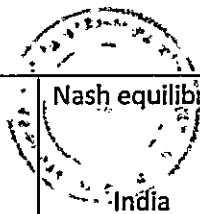
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Course Code:	Name of the Course: Public Policy Analysis	
Duration : 2 Hrs.	Maximum Marks : 60	
Instructions: 1) Draw neat diagrams 2) Assume suitable data if necessary 3) Use of Calculator is allowed.		

Question No.		Max. Marks	CO
Q.1 A	Attempt any one set of the following questions (A OR B) What is public policy, and how does it differ from private policy? Identify and discuss the key elements that are essential for formulating effective public policy. Discuss the challenges faced in policy making in developing countries. Illustrate your answer with a case study from a developing country, highlighting specific obstacles and their impact on policy implementation.	15	1
B	OR Analyze the issue of manipulation of information in the policy-making process. What are its implications for transparency and accountability in governance? Analyze how the transmission mechanism of monetary policy affects inflation.		1 2 1
Q.2 A	Attempt any one set of the following questions (A OR B) Explain how the Lewis Growth Model of Unlimited Supply of Labour can be applied to understand the role of politics in economic development. Use real-world examples to support your argument. What are the key attributes of a good public policy? How does a country's contextual setting influence public policy formulation and effectiveness?	15	2 2 3
B	OR Write a short note on Cost-benefit analysis. Discuss the challenges of moral hazard and adverse selection.		3
Q.3 A	Attempt any one set of the following questions (A OR B) Explain Arrow's Impossibility Theorem and its implications for social choice. Assess a scenario where Pareto optimality is achieved in production.	15	3 3
B	OR Compare the theories of public expenditure, focusing on Wagner's law with a peacock-wisemen hypothesis. Explain different types of public budgets.		3 3
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China

High Price
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Design a policy analysis framework for addressing the urban issues in Delhi.

OR

Cost Matrix: (find best alternative using Hurwitz criterion)

	A	B	C	D
S1	1000	1000	1000	1000
S2	200	2000	2000	2000
S3	-2200	-400	5000	5000
S4	-6200	-4400	10000	10000

Alpha Value is = 0.5

Country	Life Expectancy Index	Education Index	Income index
A	0.85	0.75	0.70
B	0.70	0.60	0.80
C	0.90	0.80	0.65

Using these values, answer the following questions:

Calculate the HDI for each country

Based on your calculations, **rank the countries** from highest to lowest HDI.

Discuss how every index is calculated in detail.



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ATKT March 2025
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International Studies.
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Semester (August to November 2024)		
Examination: End Semester Examination November/December 2024 (PG Programme)		
Programme code:		
Programme: MA in International Studies	Class: FY	Semester: I
Name of the Constituent College: S K Somaiya College	Name of the Department: Department of International Studies	
Course Code:	Name of the Course: Evolution of India's Foreign Policy	
Duration: 2.0 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	Critically examine the role of India's soft power and development partnership in its foreign policy or How does the international milieu impact foreign policy? Explain with reference to India's foreign policy.	15
Q.2	Critically evaluate India's foreign policy under First Prime Minister Pt. Nehru. or Discuss the major changes in India's foreign policy after the end of the Cold War.	15
Q.3	Critically examine India-US relations in the 21 st century. or Discuss the global geopolitical trends in the post-pandemic world. What are the major challenges faced by India?	15
Q.4	Write a short note on any two of the following: • India's Economic Diplomacy • I2U2 • South-South Cooperation • Regional Cooperation in South Asia	15

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Semester (August to November 2024)		
Examination: End Semester Examination November/December 2024 (PG Programme)		
Programme code: Programme: MA in International Studies	Class: FY	Semester: I
Name of the Constituent College: S K Somaiya College	Name of the Department: Department of International Studies	
Course Code:	Name of the Course: Evolution of India's Foreign Policy	
Duration: 2.0 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	Explain the major determinants of foreign policy. Explain the role of leadership in shaping India's foreign policy from the past to the present. or Is the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) relevant after the end of the Cold War?	15
Q.2	Discuss the continuity and change from Nehru's foreign policy to Indira Gandhi's foreign policy. or Critically examine India's neighborhood first policy under the Modi government.	15
Q.3	Critically evaluate the economic diplomacy under the Modi government. Or What do you mean by energy diplomacy and comment on its significance?	15
Q.4	Write a short note on any two of the following: - India's Vaccine Diplomacy - India and BRICS - India and South-South Cooperation - Great Game in Indo-Pacific	15



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November / December 2024		
Examination: End Semester Examination (UG/PG Programmes)		
Programme code: Programme:	Class: FY	Semester: I
Name of the Constituent College: S K Somaiya	Name of the Department Department of International Studies	
Course Code:	Name of the Course: Theories in International Relations	
Duration : 2 Hr.	Maximum Marks : 60	
Instructions:		

Question No.		Max. Marks	CO
Q1.	A. Evaluate the significance of Realism in the 21st century [8 marks] B. Examine the differences between Offensive Realism and Defensive Realism [7 marks] OR C. Critically examine the tenets and relevance of structuralism in International Relations Theory [8 marks] D. What is great power competition? Explain with examples [7 marks]	15	
Q2	A. Describe the assumptions, characteristics, and different schools of liberalism in International Relations. [8 marks] B. Describe the characteristics of the English School [7 marks] OR C. What are the underpinnings of social constructivism and its tenets [8 marks] D. Provide a critical insight into the centrality of institutions in neo-liberalism [7 marks]	15	
Q3	A. What are the various strands of the Chinese School of International Relations Theory? [8 marks] B. Critically analyze the criticisms towards Eurocentric theoretical approaches of International Relations. OR C. What are the major arguments within Indianised perspectives of International Relations Theory? Provide a critical analysis [8 marks] D. Describe the central characteristics within Islamic perspectives of International Relations [7 marks]	15	
Q4	A. Critically examine the four great debates of International Relations Theory [8 marks] B. What is the spectrum of critical theory in international relations? What is the positioning of the Green theory within Critical Theories? [7 Marks]	15	

OR

- C. What is the feminist approach to international relations? Describe the characteristics and role of significant scholars [8 marks]
- D. Critically examine the Marxist approach to International Relations Theory [7 marks]



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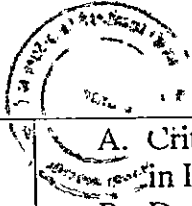


November / December 2024

Examination: End Semester Examination (UG/PG Programmes)

Information: End Semester Examination (UG/PG Programmes)		
Programme code:	Class: FY	Semester: I
Programme:		
Name of the Constituent College: S K Somaiya		Name of the Department Department of International Studies
Course Code:	Name of the Course: Theories in International Relations	
Duration : 2 Hr.	Maximum Marks : 60	
Instructions:		

Question No.		Max. Marks	CO
Q1.	A. Provide a critical analysis of original and evolution of the Realist paradigm [8 marks] B. Examine the concepts of Major powers and revising powers using examples of 20th and 21st century [7 marks] OR C. Critically examine the relevance of structuralism in the 21st century [8 marks] D. Evaluate major similarities and differences between Classical Realism and Neorealism [7 marks]	15	
Q 2	A. Critically analyse the relevance of Liberalism in the global politics of the 21st century [8 marks] B. Describe the characteristics of Social Constructivism in IR theories [7 marks] OR C. Analysis of the underpinnings of English School and its tenets [8 marks] D. Provide a critical insight into differences between Realism and Liberalism [7 marks]	15	
Q 3	A. What is Global IR? Analyse the dominant arguments [8 marks] B. Critically analyse the Indianised perspectives of International Relations theory. OR C. What are the major arguments within the Chinese School of International Relations Theory? [8 marks] D. Describe the central characteristics within Islamic perspectives of International Relations [7 marks]	15	



Q4

- A. Critically examine the relevance and centrality of post-colonialism in IR theoretical approaches [8 marks]
- B. Describe, in your own words, different emerging schools and approaches within International Relations. [7 Marks]

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OR

- C. What is the feminist Marxist approach to international relations? Describe the characteristics and role of significant scholars [8 marks]
- D. Critically examine the Feminist approach to International Relations Theory [7 marks]

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Semester (August to November 2024)

Examination: End Semester Examination November/December 2024 (PG Programme)

Programme code:				November/December 2024 (PG Programme)	
Programme: MA in International Studies			Class: FY		Semester: I
Name of the Constituent College: S K Somaiya College			Name of the Department: Department of International Studies		
Course Code:		Name of the Course: Contemporary Geopolitics			
Duration: 2.0 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	Explain the meaning and definition of Geopolitics. Discuss the main characteristics of modern geopolitics. or Explain the main differences between modern and post-modern geopolitics.	15
Q.2	What is the strategic importance of the Indo-Pacific region? Explain the emerging geopolitical trends in the Indo-Pacific region. or Critically analyze Mackinder's Heartland Theory and its relevance in the 21st century.	15
Q.3	What are the determinants of state power in terms of seven capacities in the 21st century? or Elucidate the statement citing reference to India: 'Geopolitics is intrinsically linked to geo-economics, and neither exists in isolation.'	15
Q.4	Write a short note on any two of the following: • Health Diplomacy in the post-pandemic world • QUAD • Ongoing escalation in West Asia • Cyber Security	15





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Programme: MA in International Studies		
Name of the Constituent College: S K Somaiya College		Name of the Department: Department of International Studies
Course Code:	Name of the Course: Contemporary Geopolitics	
Duration: 2.0 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	Define the Geopolitics. Discuss the main characteristics of classical geopolitics. or What is Geopolitics? Explain major geopolitical trends in contemporary world order.	15
Q.2	Explain the strategic importance of the Eurasian region. Examine the relevance of the Heartland theory of Mackinder in the 21 st century. or Critically analyze the Theory of Air Power Supremacy and its relevance in the 21 st century.	15
Q.3	Discuss the geopolitics of energy security. How do conflicts and instability in Europe and West Asia impact the energy security of developing countries in India? or How has geopolitics changed in the digital age? Critically evaluate the major geopolitical challenges.	15
Q.4	Write a short note on any two of the following: • Geopolitics in Indo-Pacific • Climate Change • Health Security in the post-pandemic world • Great Game	15

