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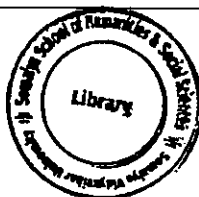
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QUESTION PAPERS

BRANCH: Master of Arts (International Studies)	SEM: III
	DEC-2024

Sr. No.	Subject	Available
1.	Modern Diplomacy	
2.	War & Peace in West Asia	
3.	Regional Security Architecture	
4.	Political Theory	
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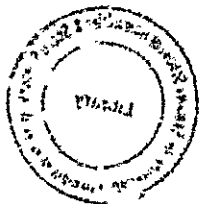


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Semester (August 2024 to November 2024)		
Examination: End Semester Examination November/December 2024 (PG Programme)		
Programme code: Programme: MA International Studies	Class: SY	Semester: III
Name of the Constituent College: S K Somaiya College	Name of the Department: Department of International Studies	
Course Code:	Name of the Course: Modern Diplomacy	
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	Discuss the meaning and definitions of diplomacy. Explain how its diplomatic practices have evolved and expanded its horizons in the 21 st century. or What is diplomacy? Critically examine the nature and scope of diplomacy in the era of globalization and geopolitical competition.	15
Q.2	Critically examine the importance of health diplomacy in the post-pandemic world order. or Critically evaluate the relationship between connectivity and economic diplomacy in the era of globalization.	15
Q.3	What are the fundamental diplomatic skills required to deal with global challenges in the contemporary world effectively? or Critically examine the major factors that determine the success and failure of diplomacy	15
Q.4	Write a short note on any two of the following: • Conference Diplomacy • Energy diplomacy with special reference to energy transition • The role of think tanks and academia in diplomacy • The return of Geopolitics and Diplomacy	15





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November / December 2024		
Examination: End Semester Examination (UG/PG Programmes)		
Programme code:	Class: SY	Semester: III
Programme:		
Name of the Constituent College: S K Somaiya	Name of the Department: International Studies	
Course Code:	Name of the Course: War and Peace in West Asia	
Duration : 2 Hr.	Maximum Marks : 60	
Instructions: 1) Attempt any one option in each question		

WAR AND PEACE IN WEST ASIA
PG – SEM III
MA INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Question No.		Max. Marks	CO
Q1	A. Critically analyse the below mentioned statement: Geography, religion, and identity determine the political dynamics of West Asia OR B. Critically analyse the role of external actors in geopolitics of West Asia	10	
Q 2	A. Critically analyse the below mentioned statement: The events in 1979 have been consequential in shaping security environment of West Asia OR B. Why were Saddam Hussein and Ayatollah Khomeini critical figures in West Asian geopolitics?	10	
Q 3	A. Elucidate the rise and fall of Islamic State of Iraq and Syria OR B. Describe the changing contours within the Islamic World in the past few years. What are implications of these changes on Iran-Israel strategic rivalry?	15	
Q4	A. Critically analyse the causes and consequences of the Six Day War and Yom Kippur War OR B. Describe the changing nature of Arab-Israeli relations from 1948 to 21 st century. How have they changed over the course of time?	15	
Q5	A. Critically analyse Political Islam and its implications over geopolitics of West Asia OR B. Describe the different fundamental tenets within Salafism	10	





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Course Code:	Name of the Course: Regional Security Architecture	
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	Explain the meaning of security. Discuss the concept of non-traditional security, particularly after the COVID-19 pandemic. or What is national security? Examine the relevance of the Realist perspective on security after the end of the Cold War.	15
Q.2	Discuss the major differences between the old and new Great Game. or Explain the Indo-Pacific region's recent strategic trends and how they will influence the regional security environment.	15
Q.3	Trace the evolution of the security environment of West Asia and North Africa across different phases of polarity or Comment on the current security architecture in West Asia and North Africa. Describe different actors and forces that are involved and potential actors which can guarantee stabilising the security environment	15
Q.4	Write a short note on any two of the following: • Environmental Security • QUAD • NATO Expansion • Political Crisis in Bangladesh	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: Political Theory	
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	What is political theory? Discuss with special reference to the normative approach or Discuss the differences between normative and empirical approaches to political theory	15
Q.2	Critically examine the liberal theory of State in contemporary politics. or Critically evaluate the Marxist theory of State after the dissolution of the USSR.	15
Q.3	Affirmative action and reservation policies are criticised as much as supported. Discuss this statement in the context of the right to equality. or Compare negative and positive concepts of liberty.	15
Q.4	Write a short note on any two of the following: • Conservative • Welfare State • Nationalism • Postmodernism	15

