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Somaiya School of Humanities and Social Science

QUESTION PAPERS

BRANCH: Master of Arts (International Studies)	SEM: III
	NOV-2025

Sr. No.	Subject	Available
1.	Modern Diplomacy	
2.	Political Theory	
3.	World Politics: WHO & NATO	
4.	Regional Security Architecture	
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Semester (July 2025 to November 2025) Examination: End Semester Examination November/December 2025 (PG Programme)				
Programme code: Programme: MA International Studies	Class: SY	Semester: III		
Somaiya School of Humanities and Social Sciences		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 of diplomacy. Explain how the functions and practices of diplomacy have evolved from ancient times to the modern era. or What is diplomacy? Discuss the expanding horizons of diplomacy in the 21 st century.	15
Q.2	Critically examine Trump's tariffs and their implications for the global economy and geopolitics. or Critically evaluate the significance of health diplomacy and South-South Cooperation in the post-pandemic world.	15
Q.3	How do you assess the success and failure of diplomacy? Discuss with special reference to the Indo-Pak relations? or How do good diplomats win the hearts and minds of people to advance the mutual interests of countries? Explain with relevant examples.	15
Q.4	Write a short note on any two of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic diplomacy • Alaska Summit 2025 (Russia-US) • AI and Diplomacy • Weaponisation of rare earth elements 	15





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Examination: End Semester Examination (UG/PG Programmes)

Programme code:

Programme: MA International Studies

Class: SY

Semester: III

Name of the Constituent College: School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Name of the Department: Department of International Studies

Course Code:

Name of the Course: POLITICAL THEORY

Duration : 2 Hr.

Maximum Marks : 60

Instructions: 1) Draw neat diagrams 2) Assume suitable data if necessary 3) Answer all the FIVE questions. Each question carries equal marks

Question No.		Max. Marks
Q1.	<p>Explain in brief the different schools of political theory.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>How is ancient political theory different from modern approach of political theory?</p>	12
Q2.	<p>Explain the historicity of the concept of Sovereignty.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Compare the ancient concept of liberty from the modern concept of liberty.</p>	12
Q3.	<p>How is government as a concept different from the concept of the State?</p> <p>Explain.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Differentiate between a Direct Democracy and an Indirect Democracy.</p>	12
Q4.	<p>Explain John Rawl's idea of Justice.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Explain the Liberal notion of citizenship and Republican notion of citizenship.</p>	12
Q5.	<p>Explain equality. Differentiate between formal equality and equality of opportunity.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Explain the effects of globalization on the identity of a nation.</p>	12





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Name of the Department: Department of International Studies

Course Code:

Name of the Course: World Politics: WHO and NATO

Duration : 2 Hr.

Maximum Marks : 60

Instructions: 1) Draw neat diagrams 2) Assume suitable data if necessary 3) Answer all the FIVE questions. Each question carries equal marks

Question No.		Max. Marks
Q1.	<p>What is Global about Politics? Explain in detail.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Explain the FOUR building blocks of geopolitics as propounded by Colin Flint.</p>	12
Q2.	<p>According to Ó Tuathail, “geopolitics is not a phenomenon which merely remains restricted to a practice of political leaders and their advisors, but which constitutes a social and cultural phenomenon one can encounter in society as a whole” Explain the statement</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>“The term ‘social Darwinism’ could be used so as to grasp Friedrich Ratzel’s complex thinking”. Expand on Ratzel’s theory of Classic Geopolitics.</p>	12
Q3.	<p>“In the contemporary world order, territory poses as a pillar of sovereignty and a state asset”. In light of the above statement, explain the first geopolitical game during the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>“The second geopolitical game could be summarized around the terms of vaccine nationalism”. Comment.</p>	12
Q4.	<p>“The Covid-19 Pandemic was Politicized Before it Started”. Justify the statement.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Explain any TWO criticisms cited by the scoping review method of the World Health Organisation’s response to Covid-19 Pandemic.</p>	12
Q5.	<p>“In the late 20th century, it was identified that health issues could be regarded as biological threats in non-traditional ways”. Elucidate.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Describe the functioning, objectives and the relevance of NATO in the contemporary geopolitical scenario.</p>	12

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Somaiya School of Humanities and Social Sciences		Name of the Department: Department of International Studies		
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	<p>Discuss the meaning and definitions of security. What are the main elements of non-traditional security?</p> <p>or</p> <p>What is national security? Examine the relevance of the Realist perspective on security amid growing geopolitical competition and trade turmoil.</p>	15
Q.2	<p>Critically examine the consequences of the Russia-Ukraine War on European Security Architecture.</p> <p>or</p> <p>What is the strategic importance of the Indo-Pacific? Is there any change in the US Indo-Pacific strategy under the Trump administration?</p>	15
Q.3	<p>Critically examine the US-led security architecture in West Asia.</p> <p>or</p> <p>What is the role of Russia in security and security alliances in the post-Soviet space?</p>	15
Q.4	<p>Write a short note on any two of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Security and Development Cooperation • NATO-EU Relations • Pakistan-Afghanistan (Taliban regime) clashes • AI and Geopolitics 	15

