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### QUESTION PAPERS

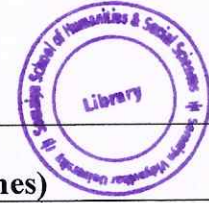
<b>BRANCH: Master of Arts (International Studies)</b>	<b>SEM: I</b>
	<b>NOV-2025</b>

Sr. No.	Subject	Available
1.	Theories of International Relations	
2.	Public Policy Analysis	
3.	Contemporary Geopolitics	
4.	Evolution of India's Foreign Policy	
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<b>Examination: End Semester Examination (UG/PG Programmes)</b>		
<b>Programme code:</b> Programme: MA International Studies	<b>Class:</b> FY	<b>Semester:</b> I
<b>Name of the Constituent College:</b> School of Humanities and Social Sciences	<b>Name of the Department:</b> Department of International Studies	
<b>Course Code:</b>	<b>Name of the Course:</b> Theories of International Relations	
<b>Duration:</b> 2 Hrs.	<b>Maximum Marks:</b> 60	
<b>Instructions:</b> 1) Draw neat diagrams 2) Assume suitable data if necessary 3)		
<b>Answer all the FIVE questions, each question carries equal mark.</b>		

Question No.		Max. Marks
Q.1	<p>“The Woodrow Wilson chair of international politics, established at the university college of Wales in 1919, is considered a pivotal moment in the formalization of international relations”. Elucidate.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Describe in detail the ‘great debates’ representative of the changing nature of the discipline of International Relations.</p>	12
Q.2	<p>Compare Classical Realist theory with that of Structural Realist Theory in International Relations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>“Classical and structural realists, for all their differences, typically draw attention to a small set of widely shared propositions”. Elaborate.</p>	12
Q.3	<p>How is the Billiard Ball model different from the Cobweb Model of interdependence liberalism? Explain in detail.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>“Institutional Liberalism underscores the importance of organized cooperation between the states”. Elaborate.</p>	12
Q.4	<p>“Marxism as a theory of international relations has transitioned from a classical Marxist perspective to a Neo- Marxist perspective”. Comment.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Explain in detail Immanuel Wallerstein’s Dependency Theory to understand world systems.</p>	12
Q5.	<p>Poststructuralism emphasizes that ‘knowledge is Power’. Substantiate this statement.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>“The ‘reality’ of power politics (like any social reality) is always already constituted through textuality or textual interplay and inscribed modes of representation”. Elaborate.</p>	12





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<b>Programme code:</b> <b>Programme: MA -IS</b>	<b>Class: FY</b>	<b>Semester: 1</b>
<b>Name of the Constituent College: SSHSS</b>	<b>Name of the Department: International Studies</b>	
<b>Course Code:</b>	<b>Name of the Course: Public Policy Analysis</b>	
<b>Duration : 2 Hrs.</b>	<b>Maximum Marks : 60</b>	
<b>Instructions: 1) Draw neat diagrams 2) Assume suitable data if necessary 3) Use of Calculator is allowed.</b>		

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Q.1 A	<p>Attempt any one set of the following questions (A OR B)</p> <p>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</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">China</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Low Price</td> <td style="text-align: center;">High Price</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2" style="text-align: center;">India</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Low Price</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1,1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3,-1</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">High Price</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-1,3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4,2</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>II . Analyze how the transmission mechanism of monetary policy affects inflation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p>			China					Low Price	High Price		India	Low Price	1,1	3,-1		High Price	-1,3	4,2		15	1
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B	Illustrate the circular flow of the economy with a four-sector model		1																			
Q.2 A	<p>Attempt any one set of the following questions (A OR B)</p> <p>What are the key attributes of a good public policy? Explain Arrow's Impossibility Theorem and its implications for social choice.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p>	15	2																			
B	Discuss the challenges of moral hazard and adverse selection. Design a policy analysis framework for addressing the urban issues in Mumbai.		3																			
Q.3 A	<p>Attempt any one set of the following questions (A OR B)</p> <p>Assess a scenario where Pareto optimality is achieved in production, with the Production Possibility Curve.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p>	15	3																			
B	Compare the theories of public expenditure, focusing on Wagner's law with a peacock-wisemen hypothesis. Explain different types of public budgets.		3																			
Q.4 A	<p>Attempt any one set of the following questions (A OR B)</p> <p>Explain the concept of Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) and its importance in decision-making for public projects, with Net Present Value (NPV) method.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p>	15	4																			
B	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;"></td> <td style="width: 15%;">Country</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Life Expectancy Index</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Education Index</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Income index</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>A</td> <td>0.80</td> <td>0.75</td> <td>0.75</td> <td>4</td> </tr> </table>		Country	Life Expectancy Index	Education Index	Income index			A	0.80	0.75	0.75	4		4							
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	B	0.75	0.60	0.80		
	C	0.95	0.75	0.65		
	Using these values, answer the following questions: <b>Calculate the HDI</b> for each country Based on your calculations, <b>rank the countries</b> from highest to lowest HDI. Discuss how every index is calculated in detail.					



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<b>Name of the School: Somaiya School of Humanities and Social Sciences</b>	<b>Name of the Department: Department of International Studies</b>	
<b>Course Code:</b>	<b>Name of the Course: Contemporary Geopolitics</b>	
<b>Duration: 2.0 Hrs.</b>	<b>Maximum Marks: 60</b>	
<b>Instructions: 1) Draw neat diagrams 2) Assume suitable data if necessary 3)</b>		
<b>Answer all the 4 questions, each question carries equal mark.</b>		

Question No.		Max. Marks
Q.1	<p>(A) Discuss the meaning of Geopolitics. Explain the main characteristics of post-modern geopolitics.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p>(B) Discuss the meaning and the major issues of critical geopolitics. Explain how it differs from classical geopolitics.</p>	15
Q.2	<p>(A) Critically analyse Mahan's Theory of Sea Power and its relevance in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p>(B) Discuss the global and regional geopolitical consequences of the Ukraine-Russia war.</p>	15
Q.3	<p>(A) Why have critical minerals assumed importance in recent times, and what are the major challenges in the production and supply of these minerals?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p>(B) Discuss the emerging strategic trends in the Indo-Pacific region, with special reference to the Trump administration foreign policy and its Indo-Pacific Strategy.</p>	15
Q.4	<p>Write a short note on any two of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>India's economic diplomacy amid trade and tariff turmoil</li><li>New Great Game</li><li>SCO Summit 2025</li><li>AI and Geopolitics</li></ol>	15





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Q.1	<b>(A)</b> What are the main determinants of India's foreign policy? Discuss a major determinant in detail. or <b>(B)</b> Explain the principles and modalities of India's development cooperation.	15
Q.2	<b>(A)</b> Discuss the evaluation of India-Israel relations and critically evaluate its relevance in the current geopolitical scenario. or <b>(B)</b> What are the major aspects of India-Japan Relations?	15
Q.3	<b>(A)</b> Explain the continuity and change in India-Africa relations since independence to the present. or <b>(B)</b> Critically examine the India-EU relations in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century.	15
Q.4	Write a short note on any two of the following: a) Indus Water Treaty b) India's Critical Mineral Mission c) Vaccine Diplomacy d) India and QUAD .	15

