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QUESTION PAPERS

BRANCH: Master of Arts (International Studies)	SEM: IV
	APR-2026

Sr. No.	Subject	Available
1.	Indian Diaspora	
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March/ April 2026		
Examination: End Semester Examination (UG/PG Programmes)		
Programme code: Programme: MA International Studies	Class: SY	Semester: IV
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: INDIAN DIASPORA	
Duration: 2 Hrs.	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>Define the term 'Diaspora'. Classify the different types of Diasporic formations based on different patterns of migration.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>The existence of this shared 'theoretical space' between constructivism and liberalism, determines how diasporas strive to influence the foreign policies of their homelands'. Elucidate.</p>	12
Q2.	<p>Classify the Indian diaspora based on different waves of migration.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Describe the role of Women in diasporic narratives.</p>	12
Q3.	<p>"The question of 'ownership' of diasporas is provoked in the selective, instrumental and political act of claiming some clusters of migrants who are seen as assets 'belonging' to the 'motherland', while others are neglected if not disowned". Justify the statement in the context of narratives surrounding home, belonging in Indian diaspora in Singapore and Africa.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>"The period from 1991 represents the time when the Indian government began changing its attitude towards the Indian diaspora, commencing also an active engagement with them". Elucidate.</p>	12
Q4.	<p>Describe the development of entrepreneurship by the Indian diaspora.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>What is referred to as diasporic entrepreneurship. How did Indian diasporic entrepreneurship develop in the post- liberalization era?</p>	12
Q5.	<p>Explain the different forms of diasporic belonging undertaken by Indian diaspora.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Explain the Symbolic and Institutional capacity building initiatives for diasporic engagement.</p>	12



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April 2026 Examination: End Semester Examination (UG/PG Programmes)		
Programme code: Programme:	Class: SY	Semester: IV
Name of the Constituent College: S K Somaiya		Name of the Department: International Studies
Course Code:	Name of the Course: India in World Economy	
Duration : 2 Hr.	Maximum Marks : 60	
Instructions: 1) Attempt any one of the options in each question		

Question No.		Max. Marks
Q.1	1. Explain the transformation of any one sector (agriculture, industry or services) from independence to present times, highlight major reforms and challenges. OR 2. Critically assess the impact of Liberalisation, Privatisation, and Globalisation (LPG) reforms on the Indian economy.	15
Q.2	1. Explain the role of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund and critically evaluate its challenges. OR 2. Explain the importance of BRICS in the contemporary economic order and highlight the challenges.	15
Q.3	1. Discuss India's economic diplomacy with its neighbours, evaluate its merits and demerits. OR 2. Analyse the factors that contribute to the growth of the Indian economy, and the factors that act as obstacles to its development?	15
Q.4	1. How did the Indian government respond to the economic challenges of COVID-19, and what policies or measures were introduced? OR 2. What are the implications of the Russia-Ukraine war on the Indian economy, particularly with respect to fuel (oil), fertilizers, and food security?	15



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Semester (December 2025 to April 2026) Examination: End Semester Examination April/May 2026 (PG Programme)		
Programme code: Programme: MA International Studies	Class: SY	Semester: IV
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: State and Society in China	
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 relevance of Mao's political thought and strategy in contemporary China. or Critically analyse the one-party rule in China	15
Q.2	Discuss the core values of Confucianism in China and its relevance in promoting social stability. or Discuss the history of the Silk Route and its contribution to Chinese trade and culture.	15
Q.3	Critically examine the governance and diplomacy of the Yuan dynasty and what were the main reasons for its decline? or Critically evaluate the arts, culture and economy of the Song dynasty.	15
Q.4	Write a short note on any two of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• South-South Cooperation and China• China and Critical Minerals• Communist Party in China• State Capitalism in Capitalism	15



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Programme code:	Class: SY	Semester: IV
Programme:		
Name of the Constituent College: S K Somaiya		Name of the Department: International Studies
Course Code:	Name of the Course: Multilateral Relations: G7, G20, BRICS	
Duration : 2 Hr.	Maximum Marks : 60	
Instructions: 1)Draw neat diagrams 2)Assume suitable data if necessary 3)		

Question No.		Max. Marks
Q1	<p>A. Does the crisis of multilateralism represent the decline of global cooperation or its transformation? Discuss.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>B. To what extent is unilateralism emerging as an effective alternative to multilateralism in global governance?</p>	10
Q 2	<p>A. Evaluate the significance of BRICS as a platform for cooperation among major emerging economies.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>B. Critically examine the origin, evolution, and relevance of G-20 and G-7 as multilateral institutions.</p>	15
Q 3	<p>A. What is multilateralism in international relations? What are its main features?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>B. Write short notes on the following (both):</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1) Indivisibility 2) Diffused Reciprocity</p>	15
Q4	<p>A. What causes the emergence of international regimes? Evaluate different explanations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>B. Analyse the shift from a unipolar to a multipolar world order and its implications for the effectiveness of global governance institutions.</p>	10
Q5	<p>A. Why is BRICS important in India's strategic calculations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>B. Evaluate the role of the G20 in managing global economic crises since its origin.</p>	10