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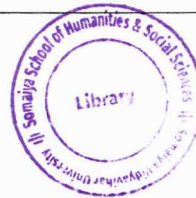
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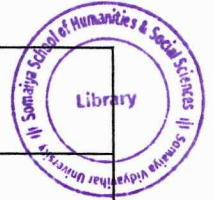
QUESTION PAPERS

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

Sr. No.	Subject	Available
1.	Democracy & Political Institutions	
2.	UN & Other International Organizations	
3.	Multilateral Trade Agreements	
4.	Understanding Region II: Africa & Scandinavian	
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April 2026 Examination: End Semester Examination (UG/PG Programmes)		
Programme code: Programme:	Class: FY	Semester: II
Name of the Constituent College: S K Somaiya		Name of the Department: International Studies
Course Code:	Name of the Course: Democracy and Political Institutions	
Duration : 2 Hr.	Maximum Marks : 60	
Instructions: 1) Attempt any one of the options in each question		

Question No.		Max. Marks
Q.1	1. Describe the concept of 'Democracy' and describe the features of Indian democracy with relevant examples? OR 2. Describe any two types of democracy with relevant examples.	15
Q.2	1. Mention what social democracy is and explain its features and challenges. OR 2. What do you understand about deliberated democracy? Explain its features and criticism.	15
Q.3	1. Explain the salient features of liberal democracy with market capitalism. OR 2. Assess the main features of countries in the second wave of democracy, with relevant examples.	15
Q.4	1. Assess the salient features of parliamentary form of government in India. OR 2. What is the role of the judiciary in India? Explain features that support the idea of an independent judiciary?	15



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Examination: End Semester Examination (UG/PG Programmes)		
Programme code: Programme: MA International Studies	Class: FY	Semester: II
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: UN & OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS	
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>Describe the structure, composition, challenges and criticism of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>“The concept of cooperation is very fundamental to the adherents of Neo-liberalism”. Explain the statement in the context of the role and challenges facing international organisations.</p>	12
Q2.	<p>Explain two elements of India’s vaccine diplomacy as theorized by Aleksa Filipović.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>“The multilateral forums have remained reactive and less proactive”. Explain in light of vaccine inequities and multilateralism theorized by Bawa Singh.</p>	12
Q3.	<p>What is Asian Development Bank (ADB)? Describe the objectives and challenges facing ADB in enhancing the finance sector and its effect on energy and social sectors.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>What is gender mainstreaming? How have World Bank and ADB incorporated Gender into its policy framework?</p>	12
Q4.	<p>Describe the European Union. Assess the impact of Covid-19 pandemic on European Union.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Describe the achievements of the EU in addressing contemporary geopolitical problems.</p>	12
Q5.	<p>Describe the role of United Nations in Afghanistan Crisis and the Black Sea Grain initiative.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Classify different United Nations’ Missions before and after Covid-19 pandemic.</p>	12



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Examination: End Semester Examination (PG Programmes)		
Programme code:	Class: FY	Semester: II
Programme:		
Name of the Constituent College: S K Somaiya		Name of the Department: International Studies
Course Code:	Name of the Course: Multilateral Trade Agreements	
Duration: 2 Hr.	Maximum Marks: 60	
Instructions: Please Read the questions carefully		

Question No.		Max. Marks
Q1	<p>A. Analyze the role of Bretton Woods institutions in shaping the global economic system.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>B. Evaluate the success and limitations of GATT.</p>	10
Q2	<p>A. Explain why some scholars criticize India's economic reforms before 1991 as "pro-business but not pro-market."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>B. Why do nations sign Trade Agreements? Why is it not enough to just sign trade agreements for economic growth?</p>	10
Q3	<p>A. Explain how transport and geography affect division of labour and market expansion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>B. Explain how division of labour increases productivity. Give one example.</p>	15
Q4	<p>A. Compare and contrast the critiques of global trade systems offered by Dani Rodrik and Ha-Joon Chang.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>B. Critically examine the argument that developed countries 'kicked away the ladder' after achieving industrialization.</p>	10
Q5	<p>Explain and analyse ANY TWO of the following Agreements/ToR:</p> <p>A. India-EAEU ToR B. India-EU FTA C. India-UK FTA D. India Korea CEPA E. India-Oman CEPA F. India-UAE CEPA</p>	15



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Semester (December 2025 to April 2026)		
Examination: End Semester Examination April 2026 (PG Programme)		
Programme code: Programme: MA in International Studies	Class: FY	Semester: II
Name of the Constituent College: Somaiya School of Humanities and Social Sciences		Name of the Department: Department of International Studies
Course Code:	Name of the Course: Understanding Region II: Africa and Scandinavian	
Duration: 2 Hrs.	Maximum Marks: 60	
Instructions: 1) Draw neat diagrams 2) Assume suitable data if necessary 3)		
Answer all 4 questions, each question carries an equal mark.		

Question No.		Max. Marks
Q.1 A	Critically analyse the causes and consequences of the "Scramble for Africa" in the late 19 th century.	15
	or	
B	Explain the idea of Pan-Africanism and African nationalism in the 20 th century, and how it contributed to the struggle against colonial rule in Africa.	
Q.2 A	Discuss the nexus between natural resources and conflicts in Africa. How do resource-related conflicts affect the African economy and society?	15
	or	
B	Critically evaluate how conflicts, insecurity and undemocratic regimes affect Africa's development and achieving the objectives of the Agenda 2063.	
Q.3 A	What are the main elements of Africa's soft power? Evaluate its importance with some specific examples	15
	or	
B	Critically examine the India-Africa development partnership in the 21 st century. .	
Q.4	Write a short note on any two of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Features of the Constitution of South Africa • Critical Minerals in Africa • African Union • Coup Belt in Africa 	15