

Political Science and International Relations

Paper II

Time Allowed: Three Hours | Maximum Marks: 250

Question Paper Specific Instructions

- There are EIGHT questions divided in TWO SECTIONS and printed both in HINDI and in ENGLISH.
- Candidate has to attempt FIVE questions in all.
- Questions no. 1 and 5 are compulsory and out of the remaining, any THREE are to be attempted choosing at least ONE question from each section.
- The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.
- Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.

SECTION A

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| 1 | Answer the following questions in about 150 words each: | 50 |
| 1(a) | Describe the changing nature of Comparative Politics. Briefly explain the Political Economy approach to the study of Comparative Politics. | 10 |
| 1(b) | Describe the changing nature of the State in the developing societies in the context of inclusive growth in the 21st century. | 10 |
| 1(c) | How big a role does identity play in determining political participation in the developing countries? Discuss your answer with suitable illustrations. | 10 |
| 1(d) | Bring out the major differences between the Classical Realism of Hans Morgenthau and the Neorealism of Kenneth Waltz. | 10 |
| 1(e) | What, according to Joseph Nye, are the major sources of a country's soft power? Discuss its relevance in the contemporary world politics. | 10 |
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| 2(a) | Discuss the significance of Non-Aligned Movement as a unique contribution of the Non-Western world to World Politics. | 20 |
| 2(b) | Discuss the consequences of Trump's "America First" and Xi's "Chinese Dream" on World Politics. | 15 |
| 2(c) | "Some feel Multinational Corporations (MNCs) are a vital new road to economic growth, whereas others feel they perpetuate underdevelopment." Discuss. | 15 |
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| 3(a) | Discuss the relevance of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on the security of women in conflict zones. | 20 |

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| 3(b) | Would you agree that the on-going debates on international environmental politics continue to be marred by a new North-South ideological divide over historical responsibility and developmental model? Illustrate your answer with suitable examples. | 15 |
| 3(c) | "Since its inception the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) has failed to deliver on its promises." What initiatives should be taken to reinvigorate the organization? | 15 |
| 4(a) | Critically examine the notion of "Asian Values" in the context of the on-going debates on human rights. | 20 |
| 4(b) | Discuss the implications of the Trump-Kim Singapore Summit on the prospects of denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula. | 15 |
| 4(c) | Critically examine the Functionalist approach to the study of International Relations. | 15 |

SECTION B

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| 5 | Answer the following questions in about 150 words each: | 50 |
| 5(a) | Do you agree with the view that the Indian Foreign Policy is increasingly being shaped by the Neoliberal outlook? Elaborate. | 10 |
| 5(b) | "India is often said to have a rich strategic culture." Discuss. | 10 |
| 5(c) | Evaluate India's stand on the recent Rohingya refugee issue. | 10 |
| 5(d) | "India's current foreign policy marks significant qualitative shifts from that of the previous regimes." Discuss. | 10 |
| 5(e) | Analyse the significance of India's Look East Policy in the light of concerns of the indigenous peoples of North-east India. | 10 |
| 6(a) | India's coalitional diplomacy within the WTO has earned it wide appreciation. What accounts for the success of India's coalitional diplomacy? | 20 |
| 6(b) | "India's capacity building programmes under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) has earned much goodwill for it in Africa." Discuss. | 15 |
| 6(c) | "India's Research and Information System for Developing Countries" (RIS) is a major initiative in the area of South-South Cooperation. Discuss. | 15 |
| 7(a) | Discuss the role of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) in promoting India's soft power abroad. | 20 |
| 7(b) | Discuss the role of Indian diaspora in promoting Indo-US relations. | 15 |

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| 7(c) | Discuss the various impediments in India's way to a permanent seat in the Security Council. | 15 |
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| 8(a) | Do you think that India's capacity building role in Afghanistan has shrunk the strategic space for Pakistan there? Discuss. | 20 |
| 8(b) | Critically assess the evolving convergence of India and China in the areas of trade and environment. | 15 |
| 8(c) | Do you agree that the growing assertiveness of China is leading to multilayered Indo-Japan relations? Comment. | 15 |
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