

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.
- Candidate has to attempt FIVE questions in all.
- Question Nos. 1 and 5 are compulsory and out of the remaining, 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 in about 150 words each: | 50 |
| 1(a) | Discuss the utility of Nuclear Deterrence Theory in the context of the recent standoff between India and Pakistan. | 10 |
| 1(b) | Write a brief note on the 17th NAM Summit in Venezuela. | 10 |
| 1(c) | In what way does the predominance of the USA in the UN funding affect its decision-making? | 10 |
| 1(d) | Evaluate the role of BIMSTEC in multi-sectoral technical and economic cooperation. | 10 |
| 1(e) | Do you think that sustainable development goals are really attainable by 2030? | 10 |
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| 2(a) | Examine the significance of the comparative method in political analysis. Discuss its limitations. | 20 |
| 2(b) | Explain the reasons for low voter turnout in democratic countries with suitable examples. | 15 |
| 2(c) | Evaluate the role of the International Court of Justice in inter-State disputes. | 15 |
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| 3(a) | Explain the relevance of the Marxist approach in the context of globalization. | 20 |
| 3(b) | Identify the benefits of a multi-polar world. | 15 |
| 3(c) | Discuss the importance of personal data protection in the context of human rights. | 15 |
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| 4(a) | How are the rising powers challenging the USA and Western dominance in the IMF and the World Bank? | 20 |
| 4(b) | Write an essay on 'New Social Movements' in developing countries. | 15 |
| 4(c) | Is democracy promotion in developing countries a feasible idea? | 15 |

SECTION B

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| 5 | Answer the following in about 150 words each: | 50 |
| 5(a) | Examine the role of 'parliamentary diplomacy' in India's foreign policy. | 10 |
| 5(b) | Compare and contrast Non-alignment 1·0 with Non-alignment 2·0. | 10 |
| 5(c) | How is India pursuing her foreign policy objectives through the IBSA Dialogue Forum (India, Brazil and South Africa)? | 10 |
| 5(d) | How is India responding to the idea of Indo-Pacific? | 10 |
| 5(e) | "The growing closeness between India and Israel will strengthen the cause of Palestine." Comment. | 10 |
| 6(a) | Describe briefly China's 'One Belt One Road (OBOR)' Initiative and analyze India's major concerns. | 20 |
| 6(b) | What are the current issues in Brahmaputra River water sharing between India and China? | 15 |
| 6(c) | Analyze the recent trends in India's role in the UN peacekeeping operations. | 15 |
| 7(a) | Examine the increasing significance of maritime security in India's foreign policy. | 20 |
| 7(b) | Write a brief note on India's interests in West Asia. | 15 |
| 7(c) | How is the current standoff between the USA and Iran affecting India's energy security? | 15 |
| 8(a) | Evaluate India's vision of a new world order. | 20 |
| 8(b) | Critically examine India's position on South China Sea Dispute. | 15 |
| 8(c) | Given the recent developments in the region, do you think that there is a need to change India's 'No First Use (NFU)' nuclear policy? | 15 |

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