

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

1	Answer the following in about 150 words each:	50
1(a)	Criticism of the institutional approach in comparative political analysis has come up in successive waves. Comment.	10
1(b)	Extractive capitalism	10
1(c)	Discuss various methods of Balance of Power.	10
1(d)	Clientilism	10
1(e)	What role does identity and technology play in the conceptualisation of Defensive realism?	10
2(a)	Discuss the factors responsible for the changing nature of states in contemporary industrial societies and explain its impact.	20
2(b)	International Human Rights frameworks are hostage to politics among nations. Comment.	15
2(c)	Diplomacy has always rested on two pillars: Institutional memory and individual craft. Elaborate.	15
3(a)	NATO, the oldest surviving collective security system, is facing challenge of transactional coercion from its own biggest member. What future does NATO have amidst such developments?	20
3(b)	Theories of international relations which claim objectivity inevitably harbour subjective biases. Elucidate.	15

3(c)	Does power transition theory reflect the dynamics of US-China relations?	15
4(a)	QUAD requires more robust architecture than the summit driven mode to tide over the current challenges. Elaborate.	20
4(b)	How did the Council of Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA) reflect geo-political division of the world during the cold war?	15
4(c)	What is UNCLOS? Explain its salient features.	15

SECTION B

5	Answer the following in about 150 words each:	50
5(a)	Describe India's objections to agricultural negotiations at the World Trade Organisation.	10
5(b)	What strategic options can India exercise as a response to the tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan?	10
5(c)	Discuss the three areas of security co-operation between India and Israel.	10
5(d)	Discuss the main features of the land-boundary agreement between India and Bangladesh.	10
5(e)	Analyse the relevance of India-Brazil economic co-operation in strengthening the bilateral relations between the two countries.	10
6(a)	Accelerating of Chinese influence across South Asia is fundamentally reshaping the region's geopolitical landscape. This is a big foreign policy challenge for India. Analyse.	20
6(b)	Critically evaluate the important factors of India-Maldives relations on the eve of sixty years of diplomatic ties between the two countries.	15
6(c)	"The mother of all deals" is a transformative milestone in Indo-EU trade relations. Elaborate on the new Security and Defence partnership.	15
7(a)	How does illegal cross border migration pose challenges to India's security? Discuss the steps taken by the government in this direction and their effectiveness.	20
7(b)	The island of Kachchatheevu remains an intractable issue in India-Srilanka relations. Comment.	15
7(c)	India has adopted multi-alignment to fulfill its core values and interests in International relations. Discuss.	15

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| 8(a) | Critically evaluate India-Russia relations in the 21st century. How have both the countries responded to America meddling in their relations in the recent times. | 20 |
| 8(b) | India has recognised that West Asia is not a single contest, but a tangle of rivalries, bargains and anxieties. Comment. | 15 |
| 8(c) | Examine India and South-Africa co-operation through bilateral and multi-lateral forums. | 15 |
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