

**COURSE: GENERIC ELECTIVE (GE – Interdisciplinary)**

**COURSE CODE: PLSHGEC04T**

**CREDITS: 6**

**PAPER IV: INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

### **Syllabus**

#### **Module 1: Studying International Relations**

- a. How do you understand International Relations: Levels of Analysis
- b. History and IR: Emergence of the International State System

#### **Module 2: Theoretical Perspectives**

- a. Classical Realism & Neo-Realism
- b. Liberalism & Neo-liberalism
- c. Marxist Approaches
- d. Feminist Perspectives

#### **Module 3: An Overview of Twentieth Century IR History**

- a. World War I: Causes and Consequences
- b. Significance of the Bolshevik Revolution
- c. Rise of Fascism / Nazism
- d. World War II: Causes and Consequences
- e. Cold War: Different Phases
- f. Emergence of the Third World
- g. Collapse of the USSR and the End of the Cold War
- h. Post-Cold War Developments and Emergence of Other Power Centers of Power
- i. Indian as an Emerging Power—Indian Foreign Policy

### **Model Questions**

#### **2 Marks Questions: Module 1, 2 & 3**

- 1) Define International Relations (IR).
- 2) What do you mean by Internationalization?
- 3) Define the idea of Territoriality as mentioned in the Treaty of Westphalia.
- 4) Mention the idea of Sovereignty as expressed in the Treaty of Westphalia.
- 5) How would you view the concept of National Interest?
- 6) Write two features of Realist Theory.
- 7) Mention two criticisms of Realist theory.

- 8) Write two features of Neo Realist theory
- 9) Name four theorists of Neo-liberalism.
- 10) Mention two limitations of the liberal theory.
- 11) What are the similarities between traditional realism and neo-realism?
- 12) Define Core states.
- 13) Define Periphery states.
- 14) Define Semi-Periphery states.
- 15) Discuss two contributions of the Feminist Theory in International Relations.
- 16) Mention two causes of the First World War.
- 17) Mention two consequences of the First World War.
- 18) Define Fascism.
- 19) Mention two features of fascism.
- 20) Mention two criticisms of fascism.
- 21) Mention two features of Nazism.
- 22) Mention two criticisms of Nazism.
- 23) Mention two causes of Second World War.
- 24) Mention two consequences of Second World War.
- 25) What is Marshall Plan?
- 26) Who first used the term 'Cold War'?
- 27) What was the main objective of the Truman Doctrine?
- 28) Mention the salient features of the Truman Doctrine.
- 29) Give a brief outline of any two phases of Cold War.
- 30) What is Collective Security?
- 31) What is NATO?
- 32) What was the policy of Containment?
- 33) What is the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)?
- 34) What is meant by CTBT?
- 35) What is Détente?
- 36) What is meant by the term Third World?
- 37) Mention one reason for the collapse of USSR.
- 38) What do you mean by Bipolarity?
- 39) What do you mean by Unipolarity?
- 40) What do you mean by Multipolarity?
- 41) Mention the concept of Soft power.
- 42) Mention the principles of 'Panchsheel'
- 43) What is India's stand on NPT?

- 44) Give a brief outline of the Gujral Doctrine.
- 45) What is Modi Doctrine?
- 46) Mention the basic principles of Look East Policy.
- 47) What is NAM?

**10 Marks Questions: Module 1, 2 & 3**

- 1) Discuss the nature and scope of International Relations.
- 2) Discuss the history of evolution of International Relations.
- 3) Discuss the main features of the Peace Treaty of Westphalia.
- 4) Discuss the main features of the Post Westphalia World order.
- 5) Discuss the Realist theory of International Relations.
- 6) Discuss the major principles of liberalism in the study of International Relations.
- 7) Discuss Morgenthau's six principles of Political Realism.
- 8) Critically discuss the Neo-Liberal Theory of International Relations.
- 9) Evaluate the Marxist theory of International relations.
- 10) Explain the importance of the Feminist theory in International Relations.
- 11) Evaluate the causes that led to the First World War.
- 12) What were the consequences of the First World War?
- 13) Discuss the nature and significance of the Bolshevik Revolution.
- 14) Define Fascism and point out its basic features.
- 15) Define Nazism and discuss its main characteristics.
- 16) Do you think that the policies of Adolf Hitler led to the Second World War? Argue your case.
- 17) Discuss the causes that led to the Second World War.
- 18) Discuss the consequences of the Second World War.
- 19) Describe the different phases of the Cold War.
- 20) Critically analyze the events that led to the end of the Cold War.
- 21) Do you think that the present world order is 'Unipolar with Multipolar tendencies'? Give arguments in support of your answer.
- 22) What is your understanding of the post Cold War world? Elucidate.
- 23) Trace briefly the history of the Cold War.
- 24) Discuss the major determinants of Indian Foreign Policy.

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- 25) Discuss the basic principles of Indian Foreign Policy.
- 26) Discuss the evolution of Indian Foreign Policy during the time of Nehru.
- 27) Discuss Indian Foreign Policy from 1984-1990.
- 28) Discuss Indian Foreign Policy since 1990s.
- 29) Discuss the emerging trends in Indian Foreign Policy since 2004.
- 30) Do you think NAM is relevant in today's world? Argue your case.

SEMESTER V