

SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL (DEEMED UNIVERSITY)
Ph D ENTRANCE TEST

The Syllabus of International Relations

1. International Relations: theories and ideologies

Realist Approach ;Neo-Realist Approach; Idealist Approach; Eclecticism; Classical Liberalism ;Institutional Approach; English School Theory;Neo-Liberalism;Critical Theory; Marxist and Neo Marxist Theories; Fascism; Systems Approach; The Behavioral Approach and Post-Behavioral Approach; Game Theory; Bargaining Theory; Communication Approach; Decision Making Approach; World System Theory; Post-Colonialism; Post Structuralism; Feminist Approach; Social Constructivism

2. International Security

Mandala Theory; Anarchy and Balance of Power Theory; Alliance Theory; Collective Security; Arms Race Theory; Deterrence Theory; Disarmament Theory; Gandhian Theory; Theories of Wars – Just war; Interventions; Human rights; Causes of Wars; Types of War; Major wars and conflicts; Nuclear proliferation; Terrorism; Security – food, environment, energy, cyber, maritime and social; UNSC and UN peacekeeping forces; Multilateral and regional organizations.

3. Diplomacy and India's Foreign Policy

What is diplomacy; Evolution of the concept of diplomacy-The Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic and Consular Relations --Paris Peace Conference and the New Diplomacy; Key contributors to the concept of 'diplomacy' (Kautilya, Machiavelli); Types of diplomacy – bilateral, multilateral, open and secret, public diplomacy etc. ; Styles of diplomacy – shopkeeper, military etc.; Role of soft power in diplomacy; National interest; Determinants of India's Foreign Policy; Phases of Indian Foreign Policy; Non-Alignment; India's bilateral ties; India and its Diaspora; India's Nuclear Policy.

4. Global Political Economy

Introduction of key approaches and concepts of contemporary political economy (demand, supply, market equilibrium, crisis, inflation etc.); Political and economic systems (Capitalist/free market, Socialist, Mixed); Principal theoretical approaches (Classical, Marxian, Keynesian); Theories of international trade including Sen – Bhagwati debate; Institutions and their role in the global economy (new institutions and agreements); Multilateral and Regional trade blocks ; India's Political Economy; Global Economic Governance and Policy - International monetary and financial integration; International production - mobility of labour in the global economy.

5. Global Commons

Idea of the global commons; The Tragedy of the Commons; Sustainable Development – MDG s and SDGs; Governing the Commons; Contested Commodities – Land, Water, Space, Health, Climate, Education, Cyberspace and Energy.

6. International Law

States and International Law; International Organizations and International Law; Individuals and International Law ;Non-State Actors and International Law ; International responsibility (invocation of responsibility and diplomatic protection); Diplomatic Means of Dispute Settlement (Negotiation, Good Offices, Mediation, Inquiry, Conciliation) ; Legal Means of Dispute Settlement (Arbitration and Permanent Courts); R2P(Responsibility to Protect); International Humanitarian Law, the Hague Law and the Geneva Law; International Environmental Law; International Trade Law (IPR); Maritime Jurisdiction and Law of the Sea; International Perspective on Cyber Laws (Cyber Laws of Major Countries- Territorial jurisdiction, Extra Territorial jurisdiction, Cyber-Space jurisdiction) ; International Space Law
