Syllabus for Ph.D. Entrance Test (International Relations) 2018-19

Topic 1: International Relations: theories and ideologies

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Duration – 3 hours, Maximum Marks – 100; 100 Multiple choice (No Negative Marking)

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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

Sample MCQs

- 1. The main proponent of the Realist Theory is:
 - a. K.J. Holsti
 - b. Hans Morgenthau
 - c. Frederick Hartman
 - d. E.H.Carr
- 2. The term Détente implies:
 - a. An alliance
 - b. Relaxation of tensions
 - c. Cooperation between states
 - d. Heightening of tensions

- 3. The Monroe Doctrine was proposed to:
 - a. Safeguard peace in Europe
 - b. Enforce freedom of navigation on the High Seas
 - c. Safeguard American interests
 - d. To aid western Europe
- 4. What is common among CENTO, RIO PACT and SEATO?
 - a. They are regional economic arrangements
 - b. They are environment associations
 - c. They are military alliances
 - d. They are human rights associations
- 5. Which of the following rights do foreign warships enjoy?
 - a. The right of free passage in the territorial waters
 - b. The right of innocent passage in the territorial waters
 - c. To stay in the territorial waters
 - d. None of these
- 6. Monetary payments made to industries to enable their products to become internationally competitive are called:
 - a. Tariffs
 - b. Quotas
 - c. Subsidies
 - d. Voluntary Export Restraints