

2022

M.A.

2nd Semester Examination (CCAЕ)

POLITICAL SCIENCE

PAPER—PLS—201

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
(THEORIES AND ISSUES)

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

Group - A

1. Answer any *two* questions. 2×2

(a) When and where did the study of International Relations as an academic discipline first start?

(b) Name any two important books on classical realism.

(Turn Over)

(c) What is meant by 'mercantilism'?

(d) Why is Alexander Wendt famous for?

2. Answer any *two* questions.

2×4

(a) Do you think that International Relations as an academic discipline has evolved over time? Explain briefly.

(b) Explain the theoretical contradictions among the old and contemporary schools of Realist thought in International Relations.

(c) Discuss, in brief, the role of Marxist ideas in the understanding of International Political Economy (IPE).

(d) Briefly examine the main tenets of Postmodernism in International Relations.

3. Answer any *one* question.

1×8

(a) Critically examine the prospects of Liberalism as a theoretical tool in International Relations.

- (b) Analyse the major postulates of the Constructivist approach in International Relations.

Group - B

4. Answer any *two* questions. 2×2
- (a) What is Atlantic Charter?
- (b) How is 'just war' defined by International Law?
- (c) What is meant by NPT?
- (d) Why was the Kyoto protocol signed?
5. Answer any *two* questions. 2×4
- (a) Discuss, in brief, the role of UNO in disarmament.
- (b) Point out the major challenges before disarmament in the face of nuclear proliferation during the cold war.

- (c) Write a brief note on the functions of UNHRC.
- (d) Explain the role of UNEP in sustainable development.

6. Answer any *one* question.

1×8

- (a) How did the sovereign nation states address the challenges posed by the MNCs and TNCs in the post globalization era? Elaborate.
- (b) Write an essay on international terrorism in the backdrop of the recent developments in Afghanistan.

[Internal Assessment – 10 Marks]
