



Roll No:

End Semester Examination, December 2024
B.A. (Hons) Political Science – 5th Semester
International Relations – Overview, Concepts, and Challenges (HUPL105)

Time: 2.5 hrs.

Max Marks: **50**

Note: *All Questions are compulsory. Marks are indicated against each question.*

PART-A

Q.1 Attempt **any five** out of the seven questions:

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| (a) What treaty was signed in 1648? What impact did it have on ecclesiastical authority and the state? | [CO-1] [L-1] 2 |
| (b) Define the term "balance of power". | [CO-1] [L-1] 2 |
| (c) Explain the concept of "collective security". | [CO-1] [L-2] 2 |
| (d) Distinguish between realism and liberalism in international relations theory. | [CO-1] [L-2] 2 |
| (e) Apply the levels of analysis approach to a recent international event. | [CO-1] [L-3] 2 |
| (f) Analyse the role of non-state actors in contemporary international relations. | [CO-1] [L-4] 2 |
| (g) Evaluate the effectiveness of the United Nations in maintaining global peace. | [CO-1] [L-5] 2 |
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PART-B

Q.2 Compare and contrast the realist and liberal perspectives on international cooperation. How do these theories explain the formation and functioning of international organisations?

OR

Examine the evolution of the international state system from the Peace of Westphalia to the present day. What are the key challenges to state sovereignty in the 21st century? [CO-2][L-3] **10**

Q.3 Analyse the causes and consequences of the Cold War. How did this period shape the development of international relations theory and practice?

OR

Critically assess the impact of globalisation on international relations. How has it affected state power, economic interdependence, and cultural exchange? [CO-3] [L-4] **10**

Q.4 Evaluate the effectiveness of the non-proliferation regime in preventing the spread of nuclear weapons. What are the main challenges to nuclear disarmament in the contemporary world?

[CO-4] [L-5] **10**

OR

Assess the role of international organisations in addressing global challenges such as climate change, terrorism, and pandemics. How can their effectiveness be improved?

Q.5 Create a comprehensive framework for analysing the foreign policy of a developing country, incorporating elements from various international relations theories. Apply this framework to explain the foreign policy choices of a specific country in the Global South.

OR

[CO-4] [L-6] **10**

Develop a strategy for reforming the United Nations Security Council to make it more representative and effective in addressing contemporary global security challenges. Justify your proposed changes and address potential obstacles to implementation.