

Semester: 5

Course: MAJOR

BAP 3rd year

Name of the Paper: Introduction to International Relations

Question Bank

1. Define International Relations and discuss its scope as an academic discipline. How does it differ from Foreign Policy Analysis?
2. Explain the key assumptions of Realism in International Relations theory. Critically evaluate its relevance in the contemporary world.
3. Discuss the main features of Liberalism as a theory of International Relations. How does it differ from Realism?
4. What is the Balance of Power concept? Illustrate with examples from Cold War and post-Cold War periods.
5. Elaborate on the role of non-state actors in contemporary International Relations. Are states still the primary actors?
6. Explain the concept of National Interest. How does it guide foreign policy formulation of major powers?
7. Discuss the evolution of the United Nations system. Evaluate its successes and limitations in maintaining world peace.
8. What is Soft Power? How has it become increasingly important in 21st century international relations?