



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2023

PIR 1501 – THEORIES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Date: 31-10-2023

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM

PART – A

(4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer any Four of the following in 400-500 words each

1. Explain Hans Morgenthau's six principles of Political Realism and their relevance to contemporary international politics.
2. Summarize Morton Kaplan's six models of the major international system and explain their implications.
3. Define the 'levels of analysis' framework in International Relations and analyse its significance in understanding global issues.
4. Compare and contrast the methodological debates between the Classicists and Behaviouralists within the field of International Relations.
5. How does 'reflectivism' challenge the traditional notion of objective analysis in the study of International Relations?
6. Identify a contemporary international issue and apply one specific International Relations theory to analyse the factors and dynamics.

PART – B

(3 x 20 = 60 Marks)

Answer any Three of the following in 1200-1500 words each

7. a) Analyse the alignment of one ancient political thinker's political thought with classical realism in international relations. Explore the realist arguments concerning power as the distinguishing factor in International Politics.
(or)
b) Investigate the significance of power in International Relations according to Hans Morgenthau and provide an extensive discussion of Morgenthau's perspectives on International Politics as an ongoing struggle for power.
8. Examine the foundational ideas of liberalism and undertake a detailed exploration of the assumptions made by various strands of liberalism.
(or)
b) To what extent does Alexander Wendt's argument, "Anarchy is What States Make of It", challenge mainstream materialistic and individualistic perspectives in international relations by highlighting the role of shared ideas and norms in shaping state behaviour?
9. a) Undertake a thorough examination of one of the following theoretical perspectives in International Relations: (I) International Society or (II) Marxist theory.
(or)
b) How do feminist theorists in International Relations seek to reformulate and reshape the understanding of global politics? In this context, compare and contrast the arguments presented by Ann Tickner in her feminist reimagining of Hans Morgenthau's principles of political realism, focusing on the key areas of agreement and disagreement between these perspectives."
