

LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

FIRST SEMESTER – **APRIL 2024**

PIR 1501 – THEORIES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Date: 03-04-2024

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

PART – A

(4x 10 = 40 Marks)

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

1. Analyse Thucydides' portrayal of 'might is right' in the Melian Dialogue.
2. Compare and contrast the key distinctions between Offensive and Defensive realism.
3. What the three key features of interdependence, as proposed by Robert Keohane and Joseph Nye Jr. in their theory of 'complex interdependence'.
4. Evaluate the methodological debates between Traditionalists and Behaviouralists in advancing the field of International Relations.
5. Explain the key concepts and principles associated with post-structuralism in the context of international relations theory.
6. Examine Antonio Gramsci's concept of hegemony and how it relates to the exercise of power in international relations.

PART – B

(3 x 20 = 60 Marks)

Answer any Three of the following in 1200-1500 words

7. a) Examine Niccolo Machiavelli's conception of the state and its relationship with international relations, and critically evaluate its contemporary relevance in the realm of international politics.
(or)
b) Analyze the concept of power in international politics, and dissect Hans Morgenthau's arguments concerning the pursuit, accumulation, and demonstration of power on the international stage.
8. Scrutinize the core principles of liberalism and conduct a comprehensive assessment of the underlying assumptions inherent in sociological liberalism and institutional liberalism. Evaluate their implications for contemporary International Relations.
(or)
b) Evaluate the extent to which shared ideas and norms shape state behaviour by critically assessing Alexander Wendt's views on the social construction of power politics. Challenge mainstream materialistic and individualistic perspectives through an analysis of his argument that "Anarchy is What States Make of It."
9. a) Assess the Marxist interpretation of 'class' as a framework for understanding International Politics and examine the continued relevance of Marxism in the contemporary era marked by economic crises, climate change, and conflicts.
(or)
b) Describe the perspectives of IR feminist theorists who aim to reformulate IR theories and reshape the understanding of global politics, drawing upon the quote, "Superiority has been accorded in humanity not to the sex that brings forth but to that which kills."

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