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**QUESTION PAPER:** (A) Introduction to International Relations  
(B) International Political Economy (IPE)

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1. USE TWO SEPARATE ANSWER SCRIPTS: ONE FOR SECTION A AND ONE FOR SECTION B.
  2. WRITE THE NAME OF THE PERSON WHO LECTURED ON THE RESPECTIVE SECTION ON THE TOP RIGHT-HAND CORNER OF YOUR ANSWER SCRIPT.
  3. CLEARLY INDICATE IN YOUR ANSWER SCRIPT WHICH QUESTIONS YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO ANSWER, IF A CHOICE IS OFFERED.
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**SECTION A: INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS [50 marks]**  
**ANSWER IN THE ANSWER BOOKLET PROVIDED.**

**QUESTION 1 IS COMPULSORY. ANSWER ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION.**

**QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY) – Multiple choice questions.** *Answer all 20 questions.*  
*Write down only one correct letter next to the question number in your script, for example 1C; 2B; 3A, etc. USE ONLY CAPITAL LETTERS.*

1. Which one of the following statements is false?
  - A. Liberal domestic theory centres on the rights/liberties of the individual
  - B. The most prominent assumption shared by all liberals is that people are rational and understand their interests
  - C. A critique against Realism is that it has a fixation on power
  - D. Liberal institutionalism focuses on what kind of government a state has
2. Although liberal theories vary considerably...
  - A. all share a rejection of the realist notion that the consequences of anarchy cannot be mitigated
  - B. they all believe the sources of state power are military resources, economic strength and technology

- C. they all maintain that international politics, like all politics, is a struggle for power
  - D. all share an acceptance of the notion that bipolarity is the best option to maintain world peace
3. Which one of the following statements is false?
- A. The cost and time it takes to move almost anything around the globe are falling
  - B. Perhaps the most basic aspect of globalization is the growing importance of international trade relative to local and domestic economies
  - C. Not only goods and people, but money and investment also flow across borders in sums vastly larger than a few years ago
  - D. The role of states in setting currency foreign exchange rates has significantly strengthened, and that of markets has weakened since the 1980s
4. Which one of the following statements is false?
- A. States these days have much more ability to limit the movement of money and goods in and out of their territories, increasing states' influence over their own economies
  - B. Trends today indicate that states have lost control over globalization
  - C. Liberals argue that when governments or other forces intervene in the economy, it is usually politically motivated and does not serve the interests of the poor.
  - D. Critics of globalisation argue that it puts more power in the hands of those who are already the wealthiest and most powerful
5. Which one of the following statements is false?
- A. Realist theory is a theory of power politics
  - B. Defining power in a meaningful way is difficult
  - C. According to the Hegemonic Stability Theory, a hegemon's power will last indefinitely
  - D. Realism's fixation with power is often criticised
6. What common assertion(s) do realist theories share?
- A. International politics is anarchic
  - B. States are unitary, rational actors
  - C. States cannot escape the security dilemma
  - D. All of the above
7. The author .....in ..... described how a state should defend itself.
- A. Thomas Hobbes ... *Leviathan*
  - B. Kenneth Waltz ... *The Theory of International Politics*
  - C. Niccolo Machiavelli ... *The Prince*
  - D. John Mearsheimer ... *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics*
8. According to complex interdependence theory ...
- A. a number of competing actors or ideas in international politics exist
  - B. military force is often not considered a viable tool of policy

- C. security is not always the most important agenda item
  - D. all of the above
9. The ability of the media to draw attention to an issue and force policy makers to address it is known as the ...
- A. mainstream effect
  - B. CNN effect
  - C. politics of compromise
  - D. rally-around-the-flag effect
10. In terms of the first model of influence as described by D'Anieri ...
- A. the media takes the lead, as in the CNN effect
  - B. the executive branch of government shapes the public agenda
  - C. the media cater to public opinion
  - D. none of the above
11. Which one or more of the following statements is true?
- A. Critics of globalisation focus on the pressure that globalisation puts on governments, and also on the ways that it increases the power of global corporations at the expense of governments
  - B. If governments borrowed more money to stimulate their economies, they might in future be more likely to run into a debt crisis like that experienced by Greece
  - C. With a globalised world it seems impossible for one state to insulate itself from bad economic decisions in other states
  - D. All of the above
12. Which one of the following statements is true?
- A. The media is the different means through which news and entertainment are conveyed
  - B. The 1957 Treaty of Rome changed the EEC's name into the EU and established a common currency for the organisation
  - C. The EU did not exhibit any divisions amongst member states on the issue of the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003
  - D. Monetary policy for the euro is the responsibility of the World Bank
13. According to the Balance of Power Theory...
- A. international stability will result from balancing power among the most powerful states
  - B. states involved in WWI thought it necessary to go to war in order to preserve the existing balance
  - C. a hegemonic state could act as the 'global cop' (policeman)
  - D. A & B are correct
14. Which one of the following statements is false?
- A. ECOWAS and SADC are examples of global IGOs
  - B. Transnational corporations can outmanoeuvre states, which, by definition, are territorially bound
  - C. Transnational corporations or Multinational corporations operate in more than one country at a time

- D. Delegating international decisions to an international organization is called supra-nationalism
15. Which one of the following statements is true?
- A. A counterargument on behalf of Liberalism is that being 'unethical' may save millions of lives
  - B. According to the Hegemonic Stability Theory, international stability is maintained by one or more dominant powers which ensure a degree of order in the system
  - C. A theory is a statement about how international politics works
  - D. Realism is often considered moral because they believe a government has no ethical obligation to other states
16. Which one of the following statements is false?
- A. Enormous flows of trade and finance mean that more economic activity now occurs across, rather than within, states
  - B. Economic competition is seen as driving globalisation, whether states like it or not
  - C. According to the theory of 'Realism at the State Level', a revolutionary state usually accepts and does not challenge the existing order
  - D. A counterargument on behalf of Realism is that pursuing the national interest is moral
17. Public opinion ...
- A. indicates that, most of the time, more than 60 percent of citizens in democracies are interested in foreign affairs
  - B. in the USA, after the 9/11 terrorist attack, indicated that very few people believed the terrorists were Iraqi
  - C. is an important consideration in almost all policy decisions, even in non-democratic societies
  - D. has nothing to do with the level of trust in the government
18. Which one of the following statements is false?
- A. Public opinion can be equally important in motivating change in economic policy
  - B. Public opinion seems to become more important when leaders disagree
  - C. Research shows that popular leaders can sway public opinion on foreign policy
  - D. The relationship between private media companies and democratic governments seems to be increasingly distant
19. Which one or more of the following statements is/are false?
- A. A paradigm is a theoretical approach that includes one or more theories which share similar philosophical assumptions about reality
  - B. A paradigm is a set of beliefs about what should be taken for granted and what needs to be investigated
  - C. There is no 'master' paradigm in IR
  - D. None of the above

20. Which one of the following statements is false?
- A. Thucydides' insights into international politics showed how international politics is about the peaceful co-existence of two city-states
  - B. Thucydides' insights into international politics indicated how humans are motivated by power (to rule others)
  - C. Realism focuses on the problems of international conflict, wars in particular
  - D. The analysis of the Peloponnesian War by Thucydides has influenced realist theory for nearly 2500 years (20)

**ANSWER ANY TWO OF THE FOLLOWING THREE QUESTIONS:**

**QUESTION 2**

*"The news media play an important role in determining the agenda of public debate. Even if news sources do not always tell people what they should think, they do indicate, simply by what they choose to cover, what issues people should think about".*

With the aforementioned statement in mind, discuss the role of the media in foreign policy by referring to (a) what determines which issues the media cover and how they are covered; (b) efforts to influence media coverage; and (c) media power. (15)

Or

**QUESTION 3**

*"Europe today seems to transcend the sovereign state framework entirely. It is ironic that the region that 'invented' the sovereign state system in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, is dismantling it in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries".*

With the aforementioned statement in mind, discuss the organization (different bodies) of the European Union (EU). Also briefly refer to the problems/challenges and prospects being faced by the organization. (15)

Or

**QUESTION 4**

*"Liberals argue that protectionism has a poor track record of aiding economic development. A great deal of evidence supports this view. Poor countries that participate in the global economy tend to grow more quickly than those that remain isolated".*

With these comments in mind, discuss whether you think Globalization aid the Poor or the Rich. Also refer to Realist and Liberal paradigms/theories to substantiate your answer. (15)

**TOTAL: [50]**

**SECTION B: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL ECONOMY [50 marks]**  
**(ANSWER IN THE ANSWER BOOKLET PROVIDED. ALL QUESTIONS ARE COMPULSORY).**

**QUESTION 1**

- 1.1. Collective goods and public goods are the same thing? True or False? (1)
- 1.2. Trade is part of which global power structure? (1)
- 1.3. Name the three institutions created by the Bretton Woods conference in 1944. (Write out the full names). (3)
- 1.4. What does the acronym MFN stand for, in relation to trade? (1)
- 1.5. What organisation replaced GATT? (Write out full name). (1)
- 1.6. Briefly explain the four contemporary challenges facing the WTO and international trading system, according to D'Anieri. (8)

**QUESTION 2**

- 2.1. Provide three examples of the illicit global economy, discussed in the lecture. (3)
- 2.2. Discuss separation, coordination between states and supply-side policies as three analytical findings that help to explain "how illicit transactions affect war, development, and cooperation among states" (Balaam and Veseth, 2008:393). (15)

**QUESTION 3:**

- 3.1. Define GDP and GDP Per capita (2)
- 3.2. Compare the EOG and ISI models of development. Which one is more successful in your view? (15)

**TOTAL [50]**

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