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**Syllabus for Ph. D Entrance Examination**

**CORE COURSE (SUBJECT-SPECIFIC)**

**Unit-I International Politics**

- Treaty of Westphalia and the emergence of State system.
- World War II: Major events.
- Decolonization and the rise of Global South.
- Cold war and International Politics.
- Post-cold war world order.

**Unit-II Theories of International Relations.**

- Realism: Classical Realism and Neo-realism.
- Liberal theory of International Relations: Classical liberalism and Neo-liberalism.
- Constructivism.
- Marxist and Post-modern approaches to International Relations.

**Unit-III Contemporary Issues in International Relations.**

- Non-western Economic order: BRI and BRICS.
- Nuclear Non-proliferation Regime.
- Climate change: UNFCCC, Kyoto political, Paris agreement, contemporary developments.
- Migration Issues in International Relations
- Contemporary Security challenges.

**Unit-IV Politics in South Asia.**

- Identity and politics in South Asia.
- SAARC: Rise and Challenges.
- Developmental challenges in South Asia.



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### **Unit-V Political Theories.**

- Liberalism.
- Communitarianism.
- Marxism.
- Feminism.
- Multi-culturalism.

### **Unit-VI Political Economy.**

- Theories and Approaches to development: Mercantilism, classical liberalism, Marxist Approaches.
- Post-World War II Monetary and Trade Regimes.
- Developmental Indices: HDI, PCI and GHI.
- Economic Crises: 1929 Great Depression, Oil crises in 1973-1979 and Financial Crises 2008.

### **Unit-VII International Organizations.**

- League of Nations: Overview and limitations.
- The UN System: Working and major challenges.
- Regional organizations: European Unions, African Union and ASEAN.
- International Economic Organizations: WTO, IMF and World Bank.

### **Unit-VIII India's Foreign Policy.**

- Determinants of India's Foreign Policy.
- Non-Aligned Movement.
- India's Foreign Policy towards major Powers: US, China and Russia.
- New issues in India's Foreign Policy: BRICS, ACT EAST and the Rise of Quad.



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RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

**Unit-I Introduction to Research**

- Meaning of Research
- Functions/Importance of Research
- Criteria of Good Research
- Qualities of a good researcher

**Unit-II Scientific Research**

- Scientific Research: Karl Popper and Thomas Kohn
- Descriptive VS Analytical Research
- Quantitative VS Qualitative Research

**Unit-III Types of Research**

- Types of Research (Pure, Applied, Qualitative, Quantitative; Empirical, Behavioral; Experimental; Descriptive; Historical)
- Research problem/Research Statement
- Research Design – Definition, purpose and types
- Pre-testing and pilot Study

**Unit-IV Research Methods-I**

- Hypothesis: Meaning, Need and types
- Literature Review
- Survey; Types of survey; Merits and Demerits
- Content Analysis – Qualitative and Quantitative
- Experimental Methods

**Unit-V Research Methods-II**

- Case Study
- Focus Group Discussion
- Interview
- Historical Method
- Observation Method



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### **Unit-VI Tools of Research**

- Collection of data from various sources. Tools of data collection: sources (Primary and Secondary sources)
- Questionnaires & Interview Schedule- Preparations and Administration
- Dairy method, Field notes, media source books, field studies, telephone, surveys, online pools, etc.
- Web Resources

### **Unit-VII Sampling**

- Sampling: Concept, representativeness of the samples
- Types of Sampling
- Probability Sampling: Meaning, Need and types
- Non-probability Sampling: Meaning, Need and types
- Theory and Practice of Sampling
- Variables (Dependent and Independent Variables)

### **Unit-VIII Data Analysis & Reporting Writing**

- Statistical method of analysis - Basics
- Tabulation, Graphic and diagrammatic representation
- Scaling Techniques
- Research Report Writing: Citation, Indexing, Bibliography, footnotes, endnotes, glossary
- Scaling Techniques