

Sample Question Paper for MA International Relations

Format of the Entrance Test Paper

Eligible candidates have to appear for an Entrance Test which will be of two hours duration. The question paper will consist of 50 multiple choice questions that will test the applicant's understanding of the subject area and his or her general awareness about South Asia and the world and each question will carry 2 marks.

- This is only a sample paper and only meant to be indicative of the type of questions that will be asked.

1. Which one of the following is not a key tenet of liberalism?
 - a) Liberalism is a subset of principles of neo-realism.
 - b) Liberalism emphasizes on the possibility of cooperation over conflict.
 - c) Democratic peace theory rests on liberal principles
 - d) International organizations create conditions for peace
2. The US approach to the Cold War was originally set out in:
 - a) The Truman Doctrine.
 - b) The Truman Show.
 - c) The Marshall Plan.
 - d) The Monroe Doctrine.
3. The idea of 'anarchy' can be attributed to:
 - a) Hobbes
 - b) Gandhi
 - c) Kautilya
 - d) Rousseau
4. Which country bordering the South Asian region is central to the String of Pearls theory?
 - a) China
 - b) Afghanistan
 - c) Maldives
 - d) Bangladesh
5. Read the passage below, and answer the questions that follow:

International institutions may therefore be significant, since institutions embody, and affect, actor's expectations. Thus, institutions can alter the extent to which governments expect their present actions to affect the behavior of others on future issues. The principles and rules of international regimes make governments concerned about precedents, increasing the likelihood that they will attempt to punish defectors. In this way, international regimes help to link the future with the present.

(Keohane 1985)

a) International regimes matter in international politics:

1. Yes
2. No

b) As per liberal institutionalism, 'norms and rules do not influence state behavior':

1. True
2. False

c) Liberal institutionalists focus solely on coercive power:

1. True
2. False