

Tribhuvan University
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Department of International Relations and Diplomacy
M Phil/PhD Entrance Exam 2077

Major Areas to Study for M Phil/PhD entrance preparation

1. Foundation of IR theories
2. Foundational knowledge on International Relations and Diplomacy
3. Knowledge on major event, phenomenon and processes in IR
4. Analytical aptitude in relation to IR
5. Understandings on history of IR as discipline and determining events eg. Cold war, war on terror
6. Understanding on international and regional organizations, such as UN, SAARC, BIMSTEC etc.
7. Understanding on major geostatic project, MCC, BRI, trade and transit routes
8. Understanding on International economic order and International Financial organizations, (Bretton Woods, IMF, World Bank, the New Development Bank, ADB etc.)
9. Foundations of International and Humanitarian Law: Disarmament, Nonproliferation,
10. Foundation of International Development: foreign aid, SDGs, development financing
11. Foundation of IPE: globalization, financialization, commercialization, marketization,
12. Foundation on foreign policy and diplomatic practices of Nepal
13. Knowledge of diplomatic history of Nepal

Group "B"

Research Methodology

14. Foundational understanding on research methods and methodology
15. Foundational understanding on philosophy of social science: ontology, epistemology, methodology, axiology in relation to social science
16. Foundational understanding on object/subject, observer/observant, positionality etc.
17. Foundational understanding on: positivism, post positivism, behaviorism, empiricism, structuralism, poststructuralism, rationalism, relativism etc.
18. Foundational understanding on: discourse analysis, narratives, case study, comparative study

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Model Questions

Full Marks: 100
Pass Marks: ...

Time: 3 hours

Subject: **Department of International Relations and Diplomacy**

Candidates are required to answer the questions in their own words as far as practicable.

Group "A"

International Relations and Diplomacy

Answer any ONE question (20×1=20)

1. Why did liberal theories assume the world would become a more stable place after the end of the cold war and why did realists disagree with them?
2. What do you think about the analysis and evaluation of the events of international relations through uncertainties?

Attempt any THREE questions (10×3=30)

3. How do you operationalize the effect of ideas or norms in the constructivism?
4. What are the importance of diplomacy in the study and practice in international relations?
5. What do you understand by the Westphalia Constitution of world order?
6. Does poverty and inequality in the poorer countries threaten the security of the international system? Explain.
7. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the international legal system?

8. Write short notes any TWO (5×2=10)

- i. Anarchism
- ii. Bretton Woods
- iii. Feminism in IR

Group "B"

Research Methodology

Answer any ONE question (20×1=20)

9. Explain the importance of research methodology in IR? What are differences with other social science subjects?
10. Outline the meanings of ontology and epistemology? How useful them in IR?

Answer any ONE question (10×1=10)

11. What are the four philosophical views of research?
12. Discuss the issues of selection bias in social science research?

13. Write short notes any TWO (5×2=10)

- i. Case study
- ii. Narratives
- iii. Objectivity

THE END