

**Department of Political Science**  
**Bankura University**

**Syllabus for the M.A. Degree in Political Science**  
(To be effective from the academic session 2014 - 2016)

**Optional Paper: International Relations**

**Fourth Semester**

**Total 200**

**Paper- 401/ Fundamentals of International relations**

**Unit I: Concepts**

**Marks 25**

1. Nature and Scope of International relations.
2. Power and Ideology--- International Politics as a Struggle for Power--- role of Ideology.
3. Balance of Power--- Concept, Methods of Maintaining Balance--- An Appraisal of the Balance of Power System--- Balance of Terror: Meaning--- Difference between Balance of Terror and Balance of Power.
4. Collective Security--- Concept--- Similarities and Differences between Collective Security and Balance of Power.

**Unit II: Issues**

**Marks 25**

1. Globalisation--- Meaning --- Globalisation and State Sovereignty--- Strength and Weakness of Globalisation.
2. Terrorism--- Definition and Short History--- Global Terrorism--- Causes of Terrorism.
3. Human Rights--- Human rights and the United Nations.
4. Environment: Global Warming and Climate Change--- International Efforts to Safeguard the Environment.
5. Feminism--- History of Feminism in International relations: Feminist Critique of International Relations--- Feminist Critique of Realist Paradigm.

## **Paper 402/ Contemporary International Politics: Cold War and Post Cold War Eras**

### **Unit I: Cold War**

**Marks 25**

1. Origin of the Cold War.
2. Evolution of the Cold War (from 1950s to 1970s).
3. Cold War and Terrorism--- Pakistan & Afghanistan as Centre and Epicenter of Terrorism.
4. Détente (Super Power & Sino - US) in Cold War Politics.
5. Breakdown of Détente in Late 1970s and the Emergence of New Cold War.

### **Unit II: Post-Cold War**

**Marks 25**

1. Causes for the End of the Cold War.
2. Post-Cold War World War.
3. USA and Chinese Foreign Policies in the Post-Cold War Period.
4. Regional Organisations: SAARC, ASEAN, EU--- Working of the Organisation--- Successes and Failures.
5. Security and Nuclear Issues in the Post-Cold War--- Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty, Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, Missile Technology Control Regime, Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty.

## **Paper 403/ India's Foreign Policy**

### **Unit I: The Great Powers**

**Marks 25**

1. India's Foreign Policy--- Basic Principles--- Evolution of Non-Aligned Policy.
2. Indo-US Relations: Their Relations in Cold War.--- Indo-US Relations in Post-Cold War--- Recent US-India Agreement (Civil Nuclear Agreement).
3. Indo-Russian Relations: Post-Cold War Dilemma--- Russia-India Relations after Cold War.
4. India-China Relations--- Evolution of India-Chinas Relations (in the Cold War & Post-Cold War Periods)--- Differences between India and China Affecting their Relations.

**Unit II: India and its Neighbours****Marks 25**

1. India and Pakistan--- Bases of Indo-Pakistan Discord--- Kashmir as an Issue--- Pak-Sponsored terrorism as an Issue--- Recent Picture of Indo-Pak Relations.
2. India's Relations with Bangladesh: The Post-Cold War Period--- Recent Problems.
3. India's Relations with Sri Lanka.
4. India's Relations with Himalayan States (Nepal & Bhutan).

**Paper 404/ International Relations****Unit I: Theories****Marks 25**

1. Political Realism--- Morgenthau's View.
2. Neo-Realism--- Discussion of Kenneth Waltz.
3. Liberalism and New-Liberalism.
4. Constructivism in International Relations.
5. Post-Modernism in International Relations.

**Unit II: International Organisation****Marks 25**

1. The League of Nations--- The Birth of League of Nations--- Functions of the Different Organs of the League of Nations--- Success and Failure of the League of Nations.
2. The United Nations--- Principles of United Nations--- Interrelationship between General Assembly and Security Council.
3. Peaceful Settlement of Disputes under the United Nations.
4. Old Diplomacy and New Diplomacy.
5. Renunciation of War--- Renunciation of War under the League and the U.N. Charter.