

University of Ruhuna

Master of Arts in Peace and Development Studies

First Semester Examination - January 2019

PDS 10135 - International Relations

Answer Any Four (04) Questions

Each Question carries 15 marks

Write in legible handwriting.

Time: 3 Hours

01. Explain the major elements of the Realist approach to international Relations and state whether Realism is a valid approach to study international politics in today's context.
02. Do you think that Liberal International Theory has failed today? Explain with examples.
03. There is a resurgence of Marxist IR theory in the literature of international Politics. Do you think Marxism is still a valid approach to study Global Relations? Examine with examples.
04. Global Political Economy studies the interface between economics and politics on a global scale. Yet, some may argue that global theories have lesser explanatory validity to study local economic issues. Do you agree or not with this statement? Provide reasons for your argument.
05. What are the major approaches to study globalization? Briefly analyze the explanatory validity of two of those approaches.
06. Environment pollution and human security are increasingly becoming the major areas of concerns in International Relations. Analyze this statement with inputs from literature that you studies on these two areas.

07. Sri Lanka as a small state today faces a dilemma when it comes to maintain its relations with regional and extra-regional powers. Do you think that Sri Lanka should realign its foreign in dealing with the major powers in today's context?
08. Multilateralism is the way forward to resolve many of the global crises. Analyze this statement with examples.
09. Write brief notes on two of the following topics.
- A). Global financial relations
 - B). Hegemony in International Politics
 - C). Transnational relations
 - D). SARRC and its future
 - E). Development of underdevelopment

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