



Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati

Model Syllabus for 4-Year UG Honours in B.A. (Political Science) as Major

(In consonance with the Curriculum Framework w.e.f. AY 2026-27)

Course Structure – Year II (Semester IV)

Year	Semester	Course No.	Title of the Course	Hours/Week	Credits
II	IV	8	Modern Indian Political Thought	4	4
		9	Indian Federal System	4	4
		10	Theory of International Relations	4	4

Semester-wise Credit Summary

Semester	No. of Courses	Total Hours/Week	Total Credits
Semester IV	3	12	12

SEMESTER-IV

COURSE 10: THEORY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Unit -I: Introduction

1. Meaning, Nature and Scope of International Relations
2. Emergence of International Relations
3. Idealism and Realism in International Politics

Unit -II: Theories

1. Hans Morgenthau's Theory of Realism – Kenneth Waltz's Neo-Realism
2. Systems Theory – Morton Kaplan
3. Game Theory – John Von Neumann

Unit -III: Concept of Power

1. Power and International Politics – Definition of Power
2. Determinants of National Power (Tangible and Intangible) - Types of Power
3. Theory and Balance of Power –Meaning-Assumptions and Limitations
4. Elements of National Interest

Unit -IV: Foreign Policy and Diplomacy

1. Foreign Policy and Diplomacy - Definition
2. Objectives and goals of Foreign Policy
3. Meaning of Diplomacy, Its Relevance in the nuclear age.

Unit -V: Collective Security and Disarmament

1. The Concept of Collective Security: Meaning, Development of the Idea
2. U.N.O. and Collective Security
3. Disarmament and Arms Control; Nuclear Disarmament: Principles of NPT & CTBT



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Semester-IV

Model Question Paper

Time : 3hrs

Marks:75

Part-A

Answer any Five Questions. Each Question carries 3 Marks.

5x3=15

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
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- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Answer the following questions. Each question carries 12 Marks

5x12=60

11. a) Unit-I
(Or)
b) Unit-I

12. a) Unit-II
(Or)
b) Unit-II

13. a) Unit-III
(Or)
b) Unit-III

14. a) Unit-IV
(Or)
b) Unit-IV

15. a) Unit-V
(Or)
b) Unit-V