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Unit I

International and Area Studies: Concepts, Theories and Approaches

- Major concepts, scope and nature of International Relations and Area Studies
- Theories: Realist, Liberal, Marxist and Critical Theories of IR and Area Studies
- Approaches: Western and Non-Western
- Power Politics: Balance of Power, Geopolitics, Bipolarity, Unipolarity, Multipolarity and Polycentrism
- State and Non-State Actors in IR and Area Studies

Unit II

Evolution of International Relations and Area Studies

- Emergence of nation states and nationalism
- Pre-World War I International System
- Inter-War Period
- Post-World War II Period (Cold War)
- Decolonisation, Global South and International Politics
- Post-Cold War International Relations
- Impact of Globalisation

Unit III

Contemporary World Order

- Changing Patterns of World Order: Unipolarity, Bipolarity, Multipolarity and Polycentrism
- Role of Major Powers: US, Russia, China, Japan, India and EU
- Globality, Globalism and Globalisation
- Democratisation and the World Order
- Science, Technology and Global Order

Unit IV

Conflict, Security and Peace: National and International

- Concepts, components and models of National and International Security
- Evolution of Strategic Thoughts: Kautilya, Sun Tzu, Machiavelli, Antonio Jomini, Carl von Clausewitz, H. Mackinder, A.T. Mahan, G. Douhet, William Mitchell, Alexander de Seversky, H. Kissinger
- Evolution of Strategic Doctrines: Massive Retaliation, Deterrence, Flexible Response, Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD), Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI), NMD
- Evolution of India's Security Policies and Nuclear and Maritime Doctrines
- New Modes of Warfare: Conventional, Low Intensity Conflicts, Information and Communication warfare, Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Warfare, Revolution in Military Affairs
- Non-Traditional Security Threats: Food and Health Security, Energy Security, Environmental Security, Gender Security, Human Security, Cyber Security and Terrorism
- Conflict Resolution and Peace, Arms Control and Disarmament.

Unit V

International Organisations and Global Governance

- Role of International Organisations in International Peace and Security, Development cooperation and Democratisation
- United Nations: Role, Relevance, and Reforms
- Global Governance: Issues and Challenges of global commons
- Regional and Sub-regional Organisations
- Impact of Globalisation.
- International Law as an instrument of global governance

Unit VI

India's Foreign Policy

- Evolution of Objectives and Principles of India's Foreign Policy
- India's Relations with Neighbourhood and Extended Neighbourhood
- India and Major Powers: US, Russia, China, Japan, and EU
- India's Look East and Act East Policy
- India's Engagement with International and Regional Organisations
- Role of India's Soft Power in its Foreign Policy

Unit VII

South Asia and Indo-Pacific Region

- Geopolitical and Geostrategic setting
- Colonialism, nationalism and independence movements
- Nation building, state building and challenges to democratization
- Post-Independence developments: Political Regimes
- Internal and External Threats to State Security and Human Security
- Regional Territorial and Maritime Issues, Role of Extra-regional Powers.
- Regional Trade, Development Cooperation and Strategic Partnership: IORA, SAARC, ASEAN, ARF, APEC, BIMSTEC, Mekong-Ganga Cooperation etc.
- Impact of Liberalisation, Privatisation and Globalisation (LPG)

Unit VIII

Central Asia, West Asia and Africa

- Geopolitical and Geostrategic setting
- Colonialism, nationalism and independence movements
- Nation building, state building and challenges to democratization
- Post-Independence developments: Political Regimes
- Internal and External Threats to State Security and Human Security
- Regional conflicts and issues and role of extra-regional powers
- Regional Trade, Development Cooperation and Strategic Partnership
- Impact of Globalisation

Unit IX

Europe and Erstwhile Soviet Union/Russia

- Geopolitical and Geostrategic setting
- Nationalism, Industrial Revolution and State building
- Europe between two World Wars
- Alliances and Accords in Europe: NATO, WARSAW PACT, Helsinki Accord, EU etc.
- Internal and External Threats to State Security and Human Security, Migration refugees and Ethnic Problems
- Trade, Development cooperation and Strategic Partnerships
- Role of US in Europe
- Impact of Globalisation

Unit X

The Americas

- Geopolitical and Geostrategic setting.
- Colonialism, Nationalism and Independence Movements.
- Nation building, state building and challenges to democratization.
- Internal and External Threats to State Security and Human Security.
- Regional conflicts and Issues: Role of US and Extra-regional Powers.
- Regional trade, development cooperation and strategic partnership.
- Globalisation and its impact.

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