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Mid Term Examinations - October 2026

Date: 05/10/2026 **Time:** 02:00 PM - 03:30 PM

Course Code: BAL2020 **Course Name:** International Relations

Semester: Fourth Semester **Max. Marks:** 50 **Weightage:** 50%

CO - Levels	CO1	CO2
Marks	50	40

PART A: Answer Following Questions. 10 M

Q.N.	Questions	M	CO	BT
1	Define Realism in International Relations.	2	CO1	BT1
2	Identify two major assumptions of Neo-Realism.	2	CO1	BT1
3	Identify the central concern of Constructivism in International Relations.	2	CO1	BT1
4	Define the concept of Hegemony in international politics.	2	CO1	BT1
5	Name the three principal forms of polarity in the international system	2	CO1	BT1

PART B : Answer Any 1 Following Questions. 10 M

Q.N.	Questions	M	CO	BT
6	Explain the major assumptions of Realism and discuss its understanding of power, national interest and state behaviour in international politics.	10	CO1	BT2
7	Q7. Describe the principal differences between Idealism and Realism with reference to their approaches towards conflict, cooperation and international peace.	10	CO1	BT2

PART C: Answer Any 1 Following Questions. 10 M

Q.N.	Questions	M	CO	BT
8	Explain the major features of Constructivism and discuss the role of ideas, identity and norms in shaping international relations.	10	CO1	BT2
9	Discuss the Marxist and Feminist approaches to International Relations and explain how they challenge conventional understandings of international politics.	10	CO1	BT2

PART D: Answer Any 1 Following Questions. 10 M

Q.N.	Questions	M	CO	BT
10	Demonstrate how Gramsci's concept of hegemony can be applied to understand the relationship between material power, ideas and consent in international politics.	10	CO2	BT3
11	Apply the concept of Balance of Power to a situation in which one state becomes significantly more powerful than the other states in a regional system. Explain how other states may respond to this change in the distribution of power.	10	CO2	BT3

PART E: Answer Any 1 Following Questions. 10 M				
Q.N.	**Questions**	**M**	**CO**	**BT**
12	Apply the concepts of unipolarity, bipolarity and multipolarity to three hypothetical international systems and explain how each distribution of power may influence state behaviour.	10	CO2	BT3
13	Illustrate how a shift from a bipolar to a multipolar international system could influence alliances, strategic calculations and the balance of power among states.	10	CO2	BT3