

**STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 086**  
**(For candidates admitted from the academic year 2023 – 2024 & thereafter )**

**M. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2026**  
**INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**  
**SECOND SEMESTER**

**COURSE : CORE**  
**PAPER : INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY**  
**SUBJECT CODE : 23IS/PC/IF24**  
**TIME : 3 HOURS** **MAX. MARKS: 100**

<b>Q. No.</b>	<b>SECTION A</b> <b>Answer Any 6 out of 8 questions in 30 words.</b> <b>(6x2=12 Marks)</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>KL</b>
1.	What are the basic principles of India's foreign policy?	CO1	K1
2.	List the key domestic determinants shaping India's foreign policy	CO1	K1
3.	Define soft power diplomacy	CO1	K1
4.	What is the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and who were the founding members?	CO1	K1
5.	what was India's main role in the Bangladesh conflict?	CO1	K1
6.	Which Prime Minister initiated India's Look East Policy and how was it linked to the New Economic Policy	CO1	K1
7.	What is meant by India's 'Neighborhood First' policy?	CO1	K1
8.	Why is the IOR important for India?	CO1	K1
<b>Q. No.</b>	<b>SECTION B</b> <b>Answer any 3 out of 5 questions in 250 words</b> <b>(3x8=24 Marks)</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>KL</b>
9.	Explain how the evolution of India's foreign policy from Nehru to the present reflects a shift from idealism and non-alignment to pragmatism, and multi-alignment.	CO2	K2
10.	Describe how the economic and strategic policies of Narendra Modi reflect continuity and change in India's foreign policy priorities.	CO2	K2
11.	Explain how P. V. Narasimha Rao's New Economic Policy reshaped India's foreign policy orientation after the Cold War.	CO2	K2
12.	Explain how historical factors have shaped the political and security relationship between India and Pakistan since 1947	CO2	K2
13.	Discuss how geography and shared rivers influence India's relations with Bangladesh and Nepal.	CO2	K2
<b>Q. No.</b>	<b>SECTION C</b> <b>Answer any 2 out of 4 in 350 words</b> <b>(2x10=20 Marks)</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>KL</b>
14.	"Analyse how India applies its 'Neighbourhood First' policy to balance cooperation and strategic competition in dealing with India and Sri Lanka."	CO3	K3
15.	Explain how India has applied the principles of strategic autonomy in managing its relations with Russia,	CO3	K3
16.	Apply the concept of "issue-based partnerships" to analyse India's contemporary engagement with West Asia	CO3	K3
17.	Examine how India has leveraged its participation in BRICS and the G20 to project itself as the 'Voice of the Global South' in the 21st century.	CO3	K3

<b>Q. No.</b>	<b>SECTION D</b> <b>Answer any 2 out of 4 questions in 500 words</b> <b>(2x12=24 Marks)</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>KL</b>
18.	Describe how Atal Bihari Vajpayee peace initiatives like the Lahore Declaration to redefine India's security and diplomatic posture.	CO4	K4
19.	Assess the impact of extra-regional powers involvement in South Asia and evaluate India's response.	CO4	K4
20.	Examine how China's rise as a major power has influenced India's strategic choices in its relationship with the United States.	CO4	K4
21.	To what extent can India's demographic dividend and climate-action initiatives sustain its long-term aspiration for great-power status?	CO4	K4
<b>Q. No</b>	<b>SECTION E</b> <b>Answer any 1 out of 2 in 1000 words</b> <b>(1x20=20 Marks)</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>KL</b>
22.	Critically evaluate the effectiveness of India's multi-alignment strategy in advancing its long-term national interests in an increasingly polarized and conflict-ridden international system, particularly in the context of the West Asian conflict.	CO5	K5
23.	Assess in detail India's role in multilateral institutions such as BIMSTEC, SCO, BRICS, and G20 aiming towards ascendency in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century	CO5	K5

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