

M. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2026
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
FOURTH SEMESTER

COURSE : ELECTIVE
PAPER : EMERGENCE OF THE INDO-PACIFIC :PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES
SUBJECT CODE : 23IS/PE/IN15
TIME : 3 HOURS **MAX. MARKS: 100**

Q No	SECTION A ANSWER ANY 10 OUT OF 12 QUESTIONS IN NOT MORE THAN 30 WORDS (10x2=20)	CO	KL
1.	India’s vision for the Indo-Pacific was articulated through the concept of SAGAR. What does SAGAR stand for? a. Strategic Alliance for Global Asian Region b. Security and Growth for All in the Region c. Sustainable Alliance for Geopolitical Asian Relations d. Strategic Action for Global Regionalism	CO1	K1
2.	China’s expanding influence in the Indo-Pacific is often discussed in relation to which major infrastructure initiative? a. Marshall Plan b. Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) c. Global Gateway d. Blue Dot Network	CO1	K1
3.	Which of the following countries released the first European Indo-Pacific strategy? a. United Kingdom b. France c. Germany d. Netherlands	CO1	K1
4.	Which major Indo-Pacific naval exercise involves India, the United States, Japan, and Australia? a. Varuna b. Aman c. Indra d. Malabar	CO1	K1
5.	What does AOIP stand for? a. Asian Outlook on the Indo-Pacific b. Australian Outlook on the Indo-Pacific c. African Outlook on the Indo-Pacific d. ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific	CO1	K1
6.	The Andaman and Nicobar Islands provide India with strategic oversight over which important maritime chokepoint? a. Strait of Hormuz b. Bab-el-Mandeb c. Strait of Malacca d. Suez Canal	CO1	K1
7.	Which country uses the concept of the “Pacific Deterrence Initiative” to strengthen its military posture in the Indo-Pacific? a. Japan b. India c. Australia d. United States	CO1	K1
8.	Which of the following is not a Quad member? a. India b. Japan c. Australia d. South Korea	CO1	K1
9.	Which regional organization connects South Asia and Southeast Asia and is considered important for Indo-Pacific cooperation? a. SAARC b. BIMSTEC c. SCO d. OPEC	CO1	K1
10.	Which international naval exercise in the Indo-Pacific is considered the world’s largest maritime exercise? a. Malabar b. Varuna c. RIMPAC d. Indra	CO1	K1

11.	Which country proposed the “Act East Policy” to enhance engagement with Southeast Asia and the Indo-Pacific? a. Japan b. India c. Australia d. Indonesia	CO1	K1
12.	Which major port in Sri Lanka has been leased to China for 99 years, raising strategic concerns? a. Colombo Port b. Trincomalee Port c. Hambantota Port d. Galle Port	CO1	K1
	SECTION B ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTION OUT OF SIX IN NOT MORE IN 250 WORDS (4x5=20)	CO	KL
13	Examine the concept of the “Indo-Pacific” and its necessity as a strategic construct.	CO2	K2
14	Outline the idea of minilateralism in contemporary international relations.	CO2	K2
15	Explain the concept of the Blue Economy and its relevance in maritime governance.	CO2	K2
16	Assess the claim that the Indian Ocean is “India’s Ocean.”	CO2	K2
17.	Interpret the Indo-Pacific through the lens of constructivism in International Relations.	CO2	K2
18.	Describe the traditional security threats in the Indo-Pacific as a maritime space.	CO2	K2
	SECTION C ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION (EITHER OR CHOICE) IN NOT MORE THAN 350 WORDS (2x10=20)	CO	KL
19.a	Analyse the trajectories of drug trafficking in the Indo-Pacific and their implications for maritime security.	CO3	K3
	(OR)		
b.	Examine the ecological challenges affecting the IOR.		
20a	Illustrate the key features of India’s Indo-Pacific Strategy with relevant examples.	CO3	K3
	(OR)		
b.	Determine whether China poses a challenge to stability in the Indo-Pacific region.		
	SECTION D Answer the following question (either or choice) in not more than 350 words (2x10=20)	CO	KL
21a	Analyse the trends of mixed migration in the Indo-Pacific region.	CO4	K4
	(OR)		
b.	Deconstruct Mahan & Corbett’s maritime theories and its application in the Indo-Pacific		
22.a	Evaluate the patterns of nuclear proliferation in the Indo-Pacific region.	CO4	K4
	(OR)		
b.	Examine the strategic foundations of the Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) framework and the role of Japan		
	SECTION E Answer any One question out of Two in not more than 1000 words (1x20=20)	CO	KL
23.	Evaluate the economic significance of the Indo-Pacific region in the contemporary global order.	CO5	K5
24.	Critically assess the role and influence of extra-regional players in the Indo-Pacific.	CO5	K5