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**(DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)**

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**Course: Introduction to International Relations (9570)**

**Level: BS IR**

**Semester: Spring, 2025**

**Credit Hours: 03**

**Please read the following instructions for writing your assignments. (AD, BS, B. Ed, MA/MSc, MEd) (ODL Mode).**

1. All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks but within a question the marks are distributed according to its requirements.
2. Read the question carefully and then answer it according to the requirements of the questions.
3. Avoid irrelevant discussion/information and reproducing from books, study guide or allied material.
4. Handwritten scanned assignments are not acceptable.
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6. Your own analysis and synthesis will be appreciated.
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**Total Marks:100**

**Pass Marks:50**

**ASSIGNMENT NO. 1**

**(Unit: 1-5)**

- Q1** Define the term "International Relations" and discuss its importance as a field of study in the modern globalized world. (20)
- Q.2** Analyze the foundational theories of International Relations, focusing on classical realism and neorealism. How do these theories address power dynamics among states? (20)

- Q.3 Trace the historical development of the modern state system. Discuss the concepts of sovereignty and legitimacy and how they are impacted by globalization. (20)
- Q.4 Compare the traditional balance of power theory with modern applications in today's multipolar world. Provide relevant examples. (20)
- Q.5 Discuss the concept of national interest and its role in shaping foreign policy. How does the Islamic perspective on national interest differ from conventional views? (20)

**Total Marks: 100**

**Passing Marks: 50**

**ASSIGNMENT NO. 2**  
**(Unit: 6-9)**

- Q.1 Explain the concept of nationalism and its various types. How does nationalism influence interstate relations and conflicts? (20)
- Q.2 Assess the role of diplomacy from ancient times to the modern era. What are the key forms of diplomacy, and how do they contribute to conflict resolution? (20)
- Q.3 Evaluate the impact of globalization and post-Cold War ideologies on modern political systems. Discuss how these ideologies influence international relations. (20)
- Q.4 Analyze the causes of war and the conditions necessary for peace in international relations. Discuss the role of international institutions in conflict prevention and peacebuilding. (20)
- Q.5 Examine the role of non-state actors, including multinational corporations and NGOs, in the contemporary international system. How do they influence global politics? (20)