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PSIR Paper 2 syllabus

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1. Comparative Politics and International Relations

1. Comparative Politics: Nature and major approaches; political economy and political sociology perspectives; limitations of the comparative method.

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2. State in comparative perspective: Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies, and, advanced industrial and developing societies.

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3. Politics of Representation and Participation: Political parties, pressure groups and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies.

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4. Globalisation: Responses from developed and developing societies.

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5. Approaches to the Study of International Relations: Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist and Systems theory.

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6. Key concepts in International Relations: National interest, Security and power; Balance of power and deterrence; Transnational actors and collective security; World capitalist economy and globalisation.

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7. Changing International Political Order: Rise of super powers; strategic and ideological Bipolarity, arms race and Cold War; Nuclear threat; Non-aligned movement; Collapse of the Soviet Union; Unipolarity and American hegemony; relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world.

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8. Evolution of the International Economic System: From Brettonwoods to WTO; Socialist economies and the CMEA (Comecon); Third World demand for new international economic order; Globalisation of the world economy.

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9. United Nations: Envisaged role and actual record; specialized UN agencies - aims and functioning; need for UN reforms.

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10. Regionalisation of World Politics: EU, ASEAN, APEC, SAARC, NAFTA.

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11. Contemporary Global Concerns: Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice, terrorism, nuclear proliferation.

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2. India and the World

1. Indian Foreign Policy: Determinants of foreign policy; institutions of policy-making; continuity and change.

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2. India's Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement: Different phases; current role.

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3. India and South Asia: Regional Co-operation; South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation; South Asian Economic cooperation; Impediments to regional co-operation; India and the Look East / Act East policy.

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4. India and the Global South: Relations with Africa and Latin America; leadership role in the demand for NIEO and WTO negotiations.

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5. India and the Global Centres of Power: USA, EU, Japan, China and Russia.

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6. India and the UN System: Role in UN Peace-keeping; demand for Permanent Seat in the Security Council.

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7. India and the Nuclear Question: Changing perceptions and policy.

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8. Recent developments in Indian Foreign policy: India's position on the recent crisis in Afghanistan, Iraq and West Asia, growing relations with US and Israel; vision of a new world order.

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