

**Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani**  
**Department of Humanities and Social Sciences**  
**First Semester 2023-2024**  
**Comprehensive Examination**

Course No : HSS F346  
Course Title : International Relations  
Nature of Exam : Closed Book  
Weightage : 40  
Total Marks : 80  
Duration : 3 hrs  
Date of Exam : 07/12/2023 (FN)

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Note:

1. Please follow all the *instructions to candidates* given on the cover page of the answer sheet.
  2. All parts of a question should be answered consecutively.
  3. Assumptions made if any, should be stated clearly at the beginning of your answer.
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**Section-A**

**I.** Define the following concepts (50 words each). (10×3=30)

- 1 State in IR
- 2 Liberal International Order
- 3 Commercial Pacifism
- 4 Non-Western IR theory
- 5 International Society
- 6 Democratic Peace Theory
- 7 Wilsonian Realism
- 8 Transnationalism
- 9 Hegemonic Stability Theory
- 10 Non-State Actors

## Section-B

**II** Answer the following questions. Keep in mind that you will be evaluated not only on your knowledge of the relevant literature but also on your ability to think independently and make a compelling argument. Focus on your arguments, not the word limit; hence, the latter is not mentioned. However, write the answers based on the marks distribution.

- 1 Trace the evolution of IR theory through the English School and Constructivism. (10 Marks).
- 2 What is the role of theory in the study of international relations, if any? (10 Marks).
- 3 What is Anarchy and how each school of thought in IR treats anarchy? (10 Marks).
- 4 Discuss the following statement: “Realism remains the most compelling theoretical framework for understanding international relations, despite the challenges presented by other perspectives.” (20 Marks).