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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.

Section – A

I. Choose the correct answer from the following. (10×1=10)

1. Define Collective Security.

- a. Each state in a system abides by international law.
- b. Each state in a system accepts that security for one is security for all and agrees to join in a collective response to aggression.
- c. Each state in a system contributes to collective security by maximizing its security self-interest.
- d. None of the options given are correct.

2. Radical liberals stand for -----

- a. The civilizing capacity of global civil society.
- b. Rule of law and institutions.
- c. International laws.

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- d. All of the options given are correct.
3. What is regionalism?
- a. Creation of a new polity bringing together a number of constituent parts.
 - b. Regular and sustained interaction between states on policy issues.
 - c. Development of institutionalized cooperation among states and other actors on the basis of regional contiguity as a feature of global politics.
 - d. Creation of institutions having independent decision-making authority.
4. It is accurate to describe realist theory as
- a. Immoral, in that it encourages the breach of ethical rules.
 - b. Irritational, in that it denies that human beings are capable of rational thought.
 - c. Amoral, in that it refuses to condemn every action that breaches moral rules.
 - d. Ambiguous, in that realist theorists are very reluctant to voice an opinion about the state of the world.
5. How is the national interest defined/determined by the realists?
- a. A state defines national interest depending on its people's priorities.
 - b. States prioritize national interests in so far as they guarantee the state's survival.
 - c. Realists see national interest as homologous to regional interests.
 - d. National interest is determined by its economic profitability.
6. International Society is regulated by
- a. A benign form of cosmopolitan democracy.
 - b. Imperial expansion.
 - c. Diplomacy, law, and the balance of power.
 - d. None of the above.
7. Identify the major reasons for obeying international law by the states.
- a. Fear of isolation, punishment, and disorder.
 - b. Making of law, international cooperation, wielding of global power.
 - c. Diplomatic, economic, and cultural association.
 - d. To dictate international issues.
8. The early post-cold war international order was based on
- a. Unipolar system

- b. Bipolar system
- c. Multipolar system
- d. Anarchy

9. What discipline constructivism draws from?

- a. Positivism
- b. Classical Philosophy
- c. Sociological theory
- d. Microeconomics

10. What is the liberal world order?

- a. A 1990s assumption that liberal values as defined and promoted by the United States were 'winning', leading to a more tranquil world.
- b. A neo-realist ironical denouncement of soft values as a major factor in international affairs.
- c. A United Nations doctrine meant to guide diplomatic relations, first advanced by Secretary General Pérez de Cuéllar.
- d. A theoretical explanation how financial and trade globalization will spill over to other areas and gradually deepen integration.

Section- B

II. Critically engage with the following concepts in IR. (300 words) (5×4=20)

11. Neo-liberalism in International Relations

12. State in IR

13. Complex interdependence

14. Democratic peace theory

15. International society

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Section- C

III. Answer the following question. (750 words) (1×10=10)

16. Comment on the direction India's foreign policy has taken since 2014 and critically engage with its attempts to decoupling from the Western frameworks in IR.