

THIRUVALLUVAR UNIVERSITY

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY

M.PHIL. DEFENCE & STRATEGIC STUDIES

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PAPER I: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This paper would consist of five modules

- a. The philosophy of social sciences including that of Defence and Strategic Studies
- b. Information Gathering
- c. Planning and implementation of Research
- d. Basics of Statistics
- e. Bibliographic Skills

Unit I: Philosophy of Social Sciences

- a. Approaches to Strategic Studies
- B. Objectives and type of social research
- c. Nature, assumptions and steps in scientific research
- d. Meaning, categories and uses of concept
- e. Nature, functions and kinds of theories
- f. Induction and Deduction controversy

Unit II: Information Gathering

- a. Definition and meaning of Information Technology
- b. Nature and kinds of information sources
- c. Using libraries
- d. Use of Computers
- e. Online sources

Unit III: Research Planning

- a. Literature survey and formulation of research problem
- b. Definition objectives, typologies and process of hypothesis
- c. Meaning, purpose, models and Characteristics of research design
- d. Techniques of data collection

Unit IV: Basic of Statistics

- a. Meaning, purpose and scope of Statistics
- b. Processing, analysis and interpretation of data
- c. Measure and scaling techniques
- d. Types of analysis; central tendency; Dispersion and Asymmetry
- e. Introduction to measures of correlation and non-parametric tests
- f. Fundamentals of probability.

Unit V: Bibliographic Skills

- a. Basics of Footnotes, Indexing and Reference
- b. Kinds and methods of bibliography
- c. Symbols in proof reading
- d. Format of Research report

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1. **Sebastain I, Social Science Research Methodology, Madras University Publication, 2001.**
2. **Thomson V, Introduction to Research Methodology: Oxford University Press, 2003.**
3. **James Jonathan.,Research Methods and Techniques,London: Oxford University Press, 1997.**

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PAPER-II

INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY

The requirements of security arise because of compulsive nature of nation-state participation in an international system. In the process every actor evolves its security policy as an instrument of power of satisfies its perceived interest and goals. This paper attempts to conceptualize the related complexities of peace and security and offer broader understanding of the nature of inter-state conflicts. It further concentrates on levels of analysis micro and macro to explain international causations and formulation of strategic doctrines.

Unit I: Introduction

- a. Concepts of Nation, State and National-State
- b. Theories of origin of state
- C. Concepts of Peace and security
- D. Contemporary Theories of International Relations
- E. Concept, Components & functioning of International System and Strategic Environment

Unit II: Conflict Resolution in International Relations

- a. Sources of Conflict, Conflict prevention, Conflict management
- b. Role of CBMs in resolving conflicts
- C. Effectiveness of International Law

Unit III: Military and Non-Military Threats

- a. Problems of Nation-state building
- b. Ecology asymmetries; Religious and Sectarian fundamentalism; Ideological Extremism; Human Rights.

Unit IV: International Terrorism and Global Peace

- a. Concept and Causes of International Terrorism
- b. Kinds of Terrorism
- C. Means to combat Terrorism
- d. Consequences of Terrorism.

Unit V: Peace and Security in South Asia

- a. Overview of South Asian Situation
- b. Causes of insecurity
- c. Nuclear and missile Proliferation
- d. Problems and prospects of regional co-operation

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1. **Palmer, N.D. and H. C. Perkins**, *International Relations*, Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1953.
2. **Jackson, R. and G. Sorensen**, *Introduction to International Relations: Theory and Approaches*, Oxford University Press, 2003.
3. **Frankel, J.**, *International Relations in a Changing World*, London: Oxford University Press, 1977.
4. **Barry Buzan**, *People, States and Fear: The National Security Problem in International Relations* published in London 1956.
5. **John Galtung**, *Peace by Peaceful Means: Peace and Conflict, Development and Civilization*, Sage Publications London.

PAPER III: ON AREA OF SPECIALISATION

The contents of paper would be decided by the respective supervisors within a broader framework of Defence and Strategic Studies with particular focus on National Security.