

Questions for the Master's Degree Exam in IR Theory

1. International relations as a subject of study of the science of International Relations. The subject of Science of International Relations
2. Research methods of International Relations Research. The problem of “levels of analysis” in Theory of International Relations.
3. Political realism and neorealism.
4. Transnationalism and neoliberal institutionalism.
5. The plurality of actors in modern international relations. Changing the role of the State as an actor of international relations. International intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations as actors of international relations.
6. The concept of "national interests".
7. The concept of national security in the Theory of IR. Types, levels and security settings.
8. Foreign policy of States. The process of foreign policy decision-making. Models of foreign policy analysis.
9. International conflict. Concept and classification. Basic approaches to the study of international conflicts.
10. Westphalian system of international relations: formation and peculiarities.
11. Versailles-Washington System of International Relations. The foreign policy of the great Powers between two world wars.
12. The results of World War II and the post-war settlement: Yalta-Potsdam system.
13. The main stages of European integration in the 20th and early 21st century
14. Strategic dialogue between the United States and the USSR/Russian Federation in the field of disarmament and arms control.
15. Arab countries in international relations at the regional and global levels at the end of the 20th and beginning of the 21st centuries.
16. The Cold War in post-war international relations.

Reading Materials:

1. *A Sociology of Dependence in International Relations Theory: A Case of Russian Liberal IR* Andrei P. Tsygankov, Pavel A. Tsygankov
International Political Sociology, Volume 1, Issue 4, November 2007, Pages 307–324.
2. *Russia and the West from Alexander to Putin: Honor in International Relations.* Andrei P. Tsygankov, Cambridge University Press, 2012, p.317.

3. *International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity*. Fourth Edition. Edited by Tim Dunne, Milja Kurki, and Steve Smith, 2016, p.392.

4. *International Relations Theory*. Ed. Stephan McGlinchey, Rosie Walters & Christian Scheinpflug. Bristol, England, 2017, p. 181.

5. *Global Politics*. Andrew Heywood, Red Globe Press, 2014, p. 616.

Criteria and Scales to a Master Degree in IR Theory

Evaluation	Range points for answers to all questions	Range of points for answer to one question	Evaluation criteria
Very poor	0	0	Lack of knowledge of theoretical material. No answer.
Poor	1 - 24	1-8	Answer not given on the substance of the question
Unsatisfactory	25 - 49	9 - 17	The content of the answer does not correspond to the introductory test program.
Satisfactory/Fair	50 - 69	17 - 23	The content of the reply is generally consistent with the introductory test, but the presentation is superficial. Most of the essential points on the subject have been missed. There's a lot of misstatement in the presentation.
Good	70 - 88	24 - 29	The content of the reply is as follows: introductory test program. The presentation is fairly complete, but not all the essential elements of the subject matter are presented. There are errors in presentation.
Excellent	89-100	30 - 34	Content of the reply in its entirety corresponds to the introductory test programme. The presentation is sufficiently complete. All the essential elements of the content of the question are presented. There are no errors in the presentation of the material.