

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, 2013

M.Phil./Ph.D.

**SOUTH, SOUTH-EAST ASIAN & SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC AND
CENTRAL ASIAN STUDIES**

[Field of Study Code : SASP (115)/ESSP (116)/CASP (117)]

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 70

All questions carry equal marks

Attempt **five** questions in allSelect at least **two** and not more than **three** questions
from Section—A (General)

The remaining questions should be answered from *any one* of the **Sections**,
i.e., either Section—B (South Asian Studies), or Section—C (South-East Asian and
South-West Pacific Studies), or Section—D (Central Asian Studies)
for which the candidate has applied

SECTION—A**(General)**

1. How do you explain the tardy progress of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)? What lessons SAARC can learn from the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN)?
2. Define and differentiate 'terrorism' and 'insurgency' in the context of any one of the Asian countries.
3. Explain feminism. Discuss feminist theory of international relations.
4. Most believe that future wars will be fought over water. Argue either for or against.
5. What do you understand by nationalism? Critically assess nationalist movement in any one of the countries in Asia.
6. What is zero-sum game? Examine bilateral relationship between any two Asian countries.
7. Critically examine the concept of human security and its relevance to any Asian country.

8. Does regionalism pose a threat to WTO-based trading system? Make an assessment.
9. Critically assess the 'pull and push' factors in international migration.
10. Write short notes on the following :
 - (a) Global warming
 - (b) Media and political awareness

SECTION—B

(South Asian Studies)

11. Give your reasons how domestic politics impacts on India's foreign policy.
12. Evaluate the democratization process in Bhutan and Maldives.
13. Critically examine the nature and character of the Pakistani State.
14. Discuss the role of civil society in Bangladeshi politics.
15. Analyse India-Sri Lanka relations in the context of recent developments.
16. How politics impacts on economic cooperation in the South Asian region? Explain India's economic relations with any one of the South Asian countries.
17. Critically examine India's Nepal policy.
18. Discuss the role of minorities in Pakistan politics and society.
19. Write short notes on any *two* of the following :
 - (a) Shabagh Movement in Bangladesh
 - (b) India's role in the reconstruction of Afghanistan
 - (c) Radical activism in Pakistan

SECTION—C

(South-East Asian and South-West Pacific Studies)

20. Discuss China's diplomatic and economic influence in South-East Asia.
21. Evaluate the role of ASEAN in the promotion of regionalism and regional multilateralism in the Asia-Pacific.
22. Assess the role of Indian diaspora in India's Look East policy.

23. Explain how South China Sea dispute will affect the security of South-East Asia.
24. Critically examine the role of Aung San Suu Kyi against the backdrop of recent developments in Myanmar.
25. Assess the impact of the US rebalancing strategy on India's relations with South-East Asia.
26. Examine India's soft power potential in South-East Asia.
27. Discuss the status of Indian community in the domestic politics of Malaysia.
28. Write short notes on the following :
 - (a) Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-sectoral, Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)
 - (b) Rohingyas

SECTION—D

(Central Asia)

29. Discuss the role of women in the reconstruction of Afghanistan.
30. Examine India-Central Asia energy cooperation with particular reference to Tajikistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) pipeline.
31. Critically assess the role of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in fostering regional cooperation in Central Asia.
32. Discuss the salient features of India's 'Connect Central Asia' policy.
33. What are the threats posed by the Taliban to peace and security in Afghanistan?
34. Make a critical assessment of the role of the Dalai Lama in Tibetan politics.
35. Discuss the role of Buddhism in India-Mongolia relations.
36. Examine Czarist Russian policy towards Central Asia.
37. Write short notes on the following :
 - (a) Ethnic conflict in Xinxiang
 - (b) Farghana Valley

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