

# The list of issues for the BA exam on the INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

## GENERAL MODULES

1. Identify and discuss the political causes of the First World War
2. Characterize and compare European authoritarian regimes in the interwar period (Italy, Germany, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
3. Discuss the concepts of collective security in the interwar period (League of Nations, Briand-Kellog Pact, Little Entente, Pact of Four)
4. Explain the concept of the US Good Neighbor Policy in 1933-1939
5. The definition, role and examples of subcultures in modern societies
6. Sociological explanations of deviance
7. Populism - a threat or corrective to democracy?
8. Define the concept of management and roles of a manager.
9. Compare formal and informal dimensions of management and organization.
10. Negotiation styles: hard, soft, principled
11. BATNA and ZOPA in negotiations – definitions and practical examples
12. Four pillars of power: a geopolitical perspective
13. Describe key attributes of political geography
14. Present the main sources of international law. Describe a selected group of sources in detail
15. Describe three selected methods peaceful settlement of international disputes
16. Constitutive and the declaratory theory of recognition - differences
17. Traditional and new approaches to international security: state-centric v. human-centric security approach
18. Aims of the Post-War system of international security: arms control, disarmament, non-proliferation
19. Philosophy - ways of defining
20. Community-individual relations in Politeia (The Republic) by Plato
21. Compare the constitutional and political position of both houses of parliament in a federal and unitary states
22. Compare the parliamentary and presidential systems with the examples of the British and US systems

23. Compare the constitutional and political position of the head of state in the presidential, semi-presidential and parliamentary systems
24. Shortly characterize main theoretical approaches in International Relations: Liberalism, Realism, Constructivism and Neomarxism
25. In what ways domestic politics can influence state's foreign policy

### **SPECIALIZATION MODULES**

1. The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) members and areas of activity
2. Belt and Road Initiative in Central Asia – opportunities and challenges
3. Civil society in European Union's policy to Central Asia
4. Explain foundations of social diversity in the Middle East region
5. Present the main causes and consequences of the Arab Spring
6. Contrast and compare so-called Asia values and Western values
7. Characterize one territorial dispute in the Asia-Pacific region.
8. Briefly describe three regional organizations in the Asia-Pacific region.
9. Describe Xi Jinping's "China Dream"
10. Varieties of Capitalism: liberal and coordinated market economies
11. Define and briefly describe crimes of mass atrocity in international conflicts.
12. Define and characterise the R2P principle
13. What are the benefits and drawbacks of a quantitative approach in IR research?
14. What are the characteristics of heuristic models of power? Provide an example of such a model.
15. What is the Hierarchy of Evidence, which type of research provides the highest and lowest reliability?