

University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
Faculty of Arts
Master of Arts in International Relations - 2018
MAIR 6115 – Theories and Concepts in International Relations

Duration: Two (02) hours

Answer any Three (03) questions only.

1. Supporting your answer with theoretical arguments, critically assess the role of non-state actors in international relations.
2. Answer all questions.
 - i. What is the concept of “Power” in International Relations?
 - ii. Define three (03) separate elements in the concept of power.
 - iii. Hans J. Morgenthau stated that “all international politics is a struggle for power”. Do you agree with this statement? Briefly comment.
3. Answer both questions.
 - i. What are the four (04) ways in which balancing of power can be done?
 - ii. Analyze whether Balance of Power theory can provide guidance for the today’s uni-polarity world system.
4. Write a critical essay on the concept of Security with special focus on:
 - i. The meaning of ‘security’ in International Relations
 - ii. Traditional and Non-traditional Security
 - iii. Securitization
5. Answer both questions.
 - i. Introduce the key theoretical assumptions of Constructivism.
 - ii. Briefly discuss the significance of constructive perspectives to understand International Relations.
6. Write notes on any three (03) of the following:
 - i. Scientific Approach to International Relations
 - ii. The Inter-Paradigm Debate
 - iii. Structure and Agency
 - iv. Old and New Wars
 - v. Hedley Bull’s three (03) traditions of the international order
