

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO
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MCPS 6101 – Conflict and Peace Studies Foundations
Duration: Three (03) hours only

Answer Three (03) Questions Only

1. Answer **Both** Sections
 - i. Citing examples, compare and contrast 'macro' theories and 'micro' theories of Conflict and Peace Studies.
 - ii. Citing examples, explain the differences between a 'Grand Theory' as opposed to a 'Mid-Range Theory'.
2. Citing empirical evidence, critically analyze the strengths and weaknesses of 'Human Needs Theory' as introduced by John Burton.
3. "Mapping is a first step in intervening to manage a particular conflict". Analyze this statement using an example referring to the three pillar approach by Danis L. Sandole.
4. 'Prevention of violent conflicts is based on effective strategies to come up with ways to identify a potential conflict before it erupts'. Answer **both** questions below with reference to the above statement.
 - i. What are the potential early warning signs of a conflict?
 - ii. Briefly explain the three principles that the effective conflict prevention strategies rest on.
5. Answer **Both** Sections
 - i. Why is data important in peace research?
 - ii. Citing examples, write an essay on the use of a database in peace research
6. Write notes on any **Two (02)** of the following:
 - i. Cyber War
 - ii. Five approaches to Conflict
 - iii. The Role of identity in Conflict
 - iv. Asymmetrical Conflicts