



INTERNATIONAL POLITICS-MEANING, NATURE AND SCOPE

INTRODUCTION



- ✘ International Politics as an academic discipline is of a recent origin. This discipline is so new that it can be called as the ‘youngest of all the social sciences’. It is dynamic in nature. In the present time, the need to tackle environmental problems, growing international terrorism, violation of Human Rights, Nuclear non- proliferation, unjust economic order, negative impacts of globalization as well as the necessity for reconstructing or reforming UN, IMF, WTO, International power structure. etc has been keeping the discipline on an development path.

DEFINITIONS OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

- ✘ According to **H.J. Morgenthau**, “*International Politics include analysis of political relations and problems of peace among nations. Further he writes, It “is struggle for and use of power among nations.”*”
- ✘ According to **Charles Schleicher**, “*All inter-state relations are included in international politics, through all the inter-state relations are not political.*”

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

1. **DIFFERENT IN THEIR SUBJECT MATTER**:-International relations is a comprehensive concept and all type of political, non-political, social, economic, cultural, legal, governmental and non-governmental relations etc are its subject matter. In comparison to it the relation of international politics is with the power struggle going on among different nations as every state weak or strong wants to spread its influence over other nations.
2. **DIFFERENCE IN THE METHOD OF STUDY**:-Explanatory method is used for the study of International Relations whereas analytical method is used for the study of International politics.
3. **DIFFERENCE IN THEIR OBJECTIVE**:- The ultimate aim of International Relations is the establishment of International peace and for the fulfillment of this objective principles are laid down and mutual inter course are promoted among different nations. In comparison to it, International politics is 'struggle for power' and for the fulfillment of this purpose different nations encourage conflicts and wars and keep on making political maneuvers.

NATURE OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

- ✘ 1. Sovereign States are its chief Actors
- ✘ 2. Protection of National Interest is the Objective
- ✘ 3. International Politics is struggle for power
- ✘ 4. Power is both a means as well as an end in international Politics
- ✘ 5. Conflicts are condition of international Politics
- ✘ 6. International Politics is a process of conflict resolution among Nations.
- ✘ 7. International politics as a system of continuous interactions among Nations.
- ✘ 8. Behavioral Study
- ✘ 9.. Inter-disciplinary Study
- ✘ 10. Analytical and Scientific

SCOPE OR SUBJECT MATTER OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

- ✘ The scope of international Politics is not yet well settle. It is continuously expending. H. Morgenthau holds that struggle for power among Nations forms the scope of international Politics whereas Burton holds that besides other things, the study of International Relations includes all conditions and factors which influence the behaviour more than one state. These views highlight the diversity that prevails among scholars regarding the scope of International Politics.

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- ✘ In fact, international Politics has been a developing subject and as such its scope has been continuously developing. The subject matter of International Politics includes the followings:

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1. Study of State Systems
 2. . Study of relations among states
 3. Study of national Interests
 4. Study of national Power
 5. Study of foreign policy
 6. Study of international Law
 7. Study of International organizations and institutions
 8. Study of Geopolitics
 9. Study of war and Peace
 10. Study of Conflict Management and Conflict Resolution
 11. Study of Ideologies
 12. Study of Nationalism, colonialism and imperialism

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- ✘ 12. Study of National Character
 - ✘ 13. Study of Disarmament
 - ✘ 14. Study of the issues related to environment Protection
 - ✘ 15 Study of Policy- Making
 - ✘ 16. Study of the issue related to Human Rights
 - ✘ 17. Study of the role of Economic Factors
 - ✘ 18. Study of Demographic Factors
 - ✘ 19. Study of special Areas
 - ✘ 20. Study of the problem of terrorism

IMPORTANCE OF THE STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

- ✘ 1. It increase the knowledge of individual
- ✘ 2. Enables to understand world Problems
- ✘ 3. Helpful to maintain World Peace and Harmony
- ✘ 4. Enables us to understand the behaviour of Nations
- ✘ 5. Harmony between Nationalism and Internationalism
- ✘ 6. Helpful in building world based on justice
- ✘ 7. Practical Importance
- ✘ 8. Essential for the survival of mankind.

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