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Q Define International relations. Discuss its changing & evolving nature.

1) Introduction:-

International relation is ~~was~~ evolving. It is ^{the} study of world in transition. It offers maximum objectivity to study trends of relation by brushing aside the subjectivity. The scope at which it is changing and evolving, making it more significant. It is the study of relations b/w **State & non-state actors**. Through international relation we can see world through **How and Why lenses**.

2) Narrow and Broader view of International relations

According to narrow view, it is defined as relations b/w States while, on the other hand according to broader view it is defined as relation b/w **State & non-State actors**.

3) Bylis definition of International relations:-

According to Bylis, inter-

national relations are defined as interaction among communities, include nation-state, inter-governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations.

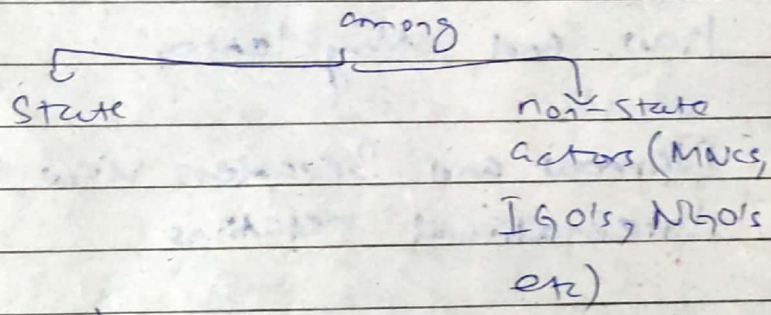
4) Schematized Concept of IR (International Relations)

International relations → is the study of

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interest based

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relations

among



at international level.

5) Elements of Subject:-

International relations have

following elements

Elements	description
International relations	Positive (Cooperation, Coordination, etc) Negative (Conflict)

Actors

State and non-state actors

Nature

Political and non-political relations

InterestsConflicting interest
Common interest**Level of analysis**State level
Individual level
Global level.

Through, these elements of international relations, we can understand world better. As an academic discipline, it encompass wide range of areas.

6) History of evolution as an Academic Discipline

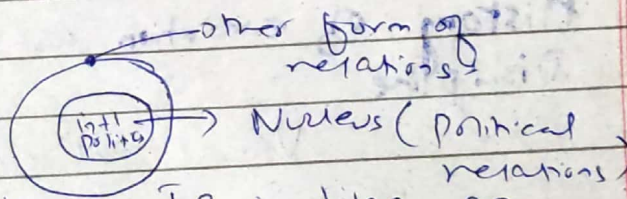
Various scholars have different views regarding its evolution. Its history could be traced back to thousand years ago. As **Bary Buzan** consider that international system established with Sumerian City States. While, other believe that modern history of IR started with **Treaty of Westphalia 1648**. On the other hand, other believe that with the **Congress of Vienna** new rules of game established.

Some believe that it formally established as a discipline after **WWI**. IR became an academic discipline in 1919, when it established in US and UK ~~univ~~ University.

However, at that time its scope was limited, but now its scope is widening - It not only governs political but also governs non-political relations.

7) The core of IR: International politics.

Hans Morganthu believe that core of IR is international politics.



He believe that IR is like an atom that's international politics as its nucleus while elections of that atoms are different form of relations.

All other form of relations are dependent on political relations.

a) Example:

Pakistan donot have political relations with Israel, so, we donot see any other relations (Socio-Economic)

between both countries.

8) Opposite view to Hans:

Palmer and Perkins believe that it is not always the case that political relations define the other relations. They believe that sometimes other relations shape the nature of political relations.

Thus, IR in a nutshell, include all type of relations.

9) Nature of Subject:

It is multi-disciplinary field. It has gather aspect of Geography, Politics, Psychology, History, Philosophy and Cultural Studies. Previously, mostly foreign offices were involved in decision-making process. However, now public opinion also shapes the foreign policy of the country.

Nature of subject evolved especially after WWII, four post war factors played major role.

1) International Political Institution

After WWII, various political institution formed at international

at level. like UN, SAARC, that has resulted in cooperation among States.

b) Advent of Nuclear age

It brought the concept of balance of terror and has reduced the frequency of conventional war.

c) Era of economic dependence

It has shifted focus toward soft power. Bretton Wood institutions has established.

d) Advent of Information Age

It has increased level of communication. Now agreements are of not only a matter of secrecy between state rather it has individual and society is also ~~more~~ important in determining relations.

10) Scope of IR:-

It covers wide range of subjects such as foreign policy, international society, international political economy, political institutions at international level, terrorism, human rights, diplomacy, conflict or war, regional security,

foreign intervention, sovereignty and globalization etc.

Major Areas of Subject scope

following are the major

Areas of Subject scope;

a) **International Political Security:-**

This area of IR focus on security environment at international level. Elements of power, balance of power, changing nature of security are key concepts in understanding this area of IR.

b) **International Political Economy:-**

This area deals with economy and relationship between states economy. Core theme of this area include economic liberalism, neo-marxism, dependency and inter-dependency etc.

c) **International Political Institutions:-**

It include structure, functions, reforms of international organization such as SAARC, OIC, EU etc.

d) **Approaches to Peace:-**

This perspective deal with establishing peace at international level through diplomacy

international law, arms control, etc.

11) Evolving ^{Scope} nature of the Subject - Emerging trends

The Scope of IR has expanded, for example, international terrorism has been now a great threat to world. Scope of IR has become vast as it not only includes international politics but also embraces other inter-state activities also.

12) Significance of IR.

IR has relevancy in today's world;

- a) It keeps one updated.
- b) To help us understand global dynamics.
- c) Help us to analyze economic trend, trade and how economic prosperity is linked to social prosperity.
- d) Through IR theories, we could analyze current policies of states, behaviour etc.

13) Conclusion:

In a nutshell, IR is

essential for understanding the complexity of interconnected world. According to palmer & perkins, "It is the Study of world in transition". It is evolving with world. IR will remain critical discipline for analyzing and shaping the course of international affairs

