IR 214 Specimen Exam Paper
(for revised Syllabus w.e.f. MT 20, for students taking Finals in TT 21)

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1. “The concept of anarchy is necessary but not sufficient to understand the contemporary international order”. Discuss.

2. “The more wide-ranging the definition of power, the less useful it is to understand its operation in the international order”. Would you agree?

3. Is the concept of globalization now used so loosely that it has lost all meaning?

4. What does the evolution of international trade since 1990 tell us about the role of international institutions in the global order?

5. “The United Nations’ contribution to international security since 1990 is much more robust than commonly assumed”. Would you agree?

6. Would you agree that, on balance, nationalism been more a source of order than disorder since the end of the Cold War?

7. Which theoretical approach can take most comfort from the survival of NATO since 1990?

8. Is there any coherent explanation for the absence of large-scale conflict among democratic states?

9. “Non-state actors have strengthened and weakened the post-Cold war global order in equal measure”. Would you agree?

10. Does Huntington’s “clash of civilisations” tell us anything interesting about the cultural sources of conflict?

11. Is there anything to the claim that the conflicts of the post Cold war era are fundamentally new in character?

12. What can EITHER post-colonial OR Marxist OR feminist approaches contribute to our understanding of the post-Cold War global order?

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