



# Kardan University

## Master's in International Relations Program

### Instructions and Sample Questions for Entry Test

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Kardan University's entry test paper for Master's in International Relations Program will include SIX sections aimed at testing students' understanding and awareness of issues and current affairs at local, regional, and international level. We encourage all students to carefully read directions for each section on the Entry Test paper.

**Questions in section-I** of the paper are Afghanistan specific questions. In this section, students have to answer questions related to Afghanistan's involvement at domestic and international level in cultural, economic and political affairs. Students should know about Afghanistan's history, current economic and political activities. Some Examples are as follow:

1. When did Afghanistan's first astronaut go to space?
  - a. 1986
  - b. 1992
  - c. 1988
  - d. 1994

**The correct answer is (C)**

2. When did Afghanistan get full membership in the WTO?
  - a. 2001
  - b. 2003
  - c. 2015
  - d. 2017

**The correct answer is (C)**

3. Who is the current permanent representative of Afghanistan in the United Nations?
  - a. Abdul Zahir Tanin
  - b. Mahmoud Saikal
  - c. Zalmay Khalilzad
  - d. Abdul Zahir Tanin

**The correct answer is (B)**

4. When was the Bilateral Security Agreement signed between Afghanistan and the United States?
  - a. September 30, 2014
  - b. September 30, 2015
  - c. September 30, 2016

d. September 30, 2013

**The correct answer is (A)**

5. Who was the last king of Afghanistan?

- a. Hamid Karzai
- b. Daud Khan
- c. Dr. Najibullah
- d. Mohammad Zahir Shah

**The correct answer is (D)**

**Questions in section-II** of the paper are related to regional issues. In this sections, questions are about issues beyond Afghanistan. Students have to be able to understand major and big events and issues at the regional level. Students should work hard to increase their knowledge of and awareness on major incidents related to countries other than Afghanistan in region. Some Examples are as follow:

6. When did Iraq occupy Kuwait?

- a. July 1990
- b. August 1990
- c. December 1990
- d. None

**The correct answer is (A)**

7. Chabahar port is located in which of the following countries?

- a. Afghanistan
- b. Pakistan
- c. Iran
- d. Between Afghanistan and Iran

**The correct answer is (C)**

8. Which of the following countries have the world's second largest gas reserves after Russia?

- a. China
- b. India
- c. Iran
- d. Pakistan

**The correct answer is (C)**

9. The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation was founded in:

- a. 1980
- b. 1985
- c. 1990
- d. None

**The correct answer is (B)**

10. The TAPI project is a natural gas pipeline being developed between Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and ...
- Iran
  - India
  - Both
  - None

**The correct answer is (B)**

**Questions in Section-III** of the paper are related to issues and events at the international level. Students are encouraged to have a study of major international issues and events be it on-going or past. Students should learn about different International Organizations, their functions, date of establishment and history.

11. Who was Kofi Anan?
- Former U.N Secretary General
  - Former President of U.N Security Council
  - Former U.N Envoy to Afghanistan
  - None

**The correct answer is (A)**

12. When was the Organization for Islamic Cooperation founded?
- In 1961
  - In 1963
  - In 1969
  - In 1972

**The correct answer is (C)**

13. According to some IR scholars, one of the outcomes of the treaty of Westphalia was?
- Economic Stability in Europe
  - Foundation of Nation - states systems
  - Global Peace
  - None

**The correct answer is (B)**

14. When did the Cuban Missile Crisis happen?
- 1960
  - 1961
  - 1962
  - 1963

**The correct answer is (C)**

15. Which one of the following is not an international economic/financial institution?
- Shanghai Cooperation Organization
  - Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency

- c. International Monetary Fund
- d. Union of International Associations

**The correct answer is (D)**

**Section-IV** of the paper is dedicated to the field of IR questions. In this section, students' level understanding and knowledge of the field of IR are tested. Questions won't particularly concern any issue or event, but rather they would be focused on the basic and important theories, terminologies and arguments in the study of IR. It is more of academic than real ground issues.

16. Who has written the famous book in IR "Fall and Rise of the Great Powers"?
- a. Paul Kennedy
  - b. John J. Mearscheimer
  - c. Hans Morgenthau
  - d. Danny Roderick

**The correct answer (A)**

17. Which of the following IR theories favor power politics?
- a. Liberalism
  - b. Realism
  - c. Constructivism
  - d. Marxism
  - e. None

**The correct answer is (B)**

18. In the study of IR, a "rogue state" is a:
- a. state that operates outside the international frameworks and agreements, and poses threat to other nation.
  - b. state in which domestic institutions have collapsed or are non-functional
  - c. state that is peaceful and does not go to war with other states.
  - d. None

**The correct answer is (A)**

19. What is Global South in IR?
- a. Developed countries located in the southern hemisphere
  - b. Less developed countries referred to as the "third world" located primarily in the southern hemisphere
  - c. Rich countries of the South America
  - d. None

**The correct answer is (B)**

20. "Mercantilism" is the economic theory and political ideology that:
- a. favors free trade
  - b. opposes free trade
  - c. favors protectionism

d. Both B & C

**The correct answer is (D)**

**Section V** of the paper includes a passage on an important event that is relevant to the field of IR. Students will analytically read the passage and then answer the questions.

**In section VI** of the paper, students will write their analysis of the article in section 5. This section aims at testing students' analytical skills. Students will write an essay of 250-300 words, in which they will critically analyze the issues and important points discussed in the article of section 5.

**Questions per Section and Marking Scheme:**

Sections	Questions	Number of Questions	Marks per Question
Afghanistan Specific Questions	1-20	20	1
Regional Specific Questions	21-40	20	1
International Level Questions	41-60	20	1
IR Field-related Questions	61-75	15	1
Reading	76-80	5	2
Analytical Writing Skill	1	1	15
Total	81	81	100