

## HISTORY GENERAL SYLLABUS : REVISED IN 2013

July-December

Semester –VI

Number of Classes :60

**Title of the Paper: World Politics in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century:**

**(International relations) From 1945 to C. 2000**

### **Outline:**

1. The World After 1945: Origins of the Cold War and the Division of Europe –The Emergence of the American and Soviet Spheres of Influence –The System of Military and Economic Alliances.
2. The Decline of European Imperialism : Decolonisation –National Movements of Asia and Africa –The Emergence of the Third World –Impact of the Cold War on the Third World – Alternatives to the Cold War –Non Aligned Movement .
3. Tensions Within the Soviet Block : Hungary, Czechoslovakia , Poland , Bipolar World and the Regional Conflicts-Vietnam , Korea and Middle East.

### **Details/ Specific Topics :**

**1.Background to the Foundation of UNO**

**2.Debate on the Origins and nature of the Cold War**

**3.Cold war and the Emergence of Soviet and American Economic and Military Alliances : NATO, WTO,IMF,World Bank, Warsaw, COMECON.**

**4.USSR’S Relation with the East European Countries (1945-64)**

**5.The US Foreign Policy in the Post war Period : Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan.**

**6.Bi-Polarism and Regional Conflicts: War in Korea –Crisis in Cuba –Conflict in the Middle East (Arab-Isreal Wars of 1948-49,67,1973-Activities of P.L.O.-Intifadah –Gulf War of 1990-91.**

**7.Disintegration of European Empires and the Emergence of the Third World**

**8.The Non-Aligned Movement ,The politics of Détente**

**9.Impact of the Emergence of Communist China on World Politics .**

**10.Sino-Soviet Relations ,Sino-U.S, Relations**

**11.Indo-Pakistan Relations, India and the Liberation War of Bangladesh**

**12.The Liberation Struggle of Vietnam(1945-54 and 1954-1975)**

**13.Reunification of Germany ;The End of Socialist Regime and the Disintegration of USSR.**

**14.The End Of the Cold war ;The Onset of Globalisation,**

**15.American Uni-Polarism and Its Significance for International Politics .**

**Module –I : Questions :**

1. Debate on the Origins of the Cold War : Background to the Cold war-Wartime and Post Wartime Conferences –Deliberations at Yalta , at Postdam : Reasons Behind the Extrangerments between Soviet Union and Western Powers.
2. Beginning of the Cold war and Sovietization of Eastern Europe and its Impact on Eastern European Politics –The Communist Government of Poland , Hungary , Rumania , Bulgaria and Eastern Germany.
3. Cold War and the emergence of the U.S. and Soviet Military and Economic alliances – NATO,IMF,WARSAW,WTO.
4. U.S. Foreign Policy in the Post –War Period ; Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan
5. The Beginning of European Common Market experiments –The Soviet Inspires Comecon.
6. Tensions within Eastern Europe , Debate on Liberalization –the Disagreements between Communist Party of Soviet Union & Communist parties of Hungary, Chekoslovakia and Poland . Marshall Tito and the Pursuit of Independent Socialism in Yogaslavia.
7. Bipolarism and regional Conflicts ; War in Korea ; Conflict in Middle East : Arab –Isreal War of 1948-49, 1967,1973.

**Module –II : Questions**

1. India and the Liberation War of Bangladesh ; The Liberation Struggle of Vietnam (1954-75)
2. Political developments in Algeria , Cyprus , Italy and France
3. Islamic Revolution in Iran Iraq –Ayotullah Khomeini and His Influence in the Middle East
4. Conflict in Afghanistan –The American Backed Mujahideen and the Anti-Soviet Movement
5. Emergence of Ronald Regan and the Impact of U.S. Foreign Policy in Latin America.

6. End of the Socialist Regime and the Disintegration of U.S.S.R. : Crisis within the Soviet System –The Significance of Glastnost and Perestroika-The End of Socialism in Soviet Union and East Europe and Its Impact on World Politics .

7. The end of the Cold War –German reunification , Uni-Polarism in western politics – new World Order –Impact of Globalization.

**Suggested Readings:**

1. P. Calvocoressi, World Since 1945
2. W.R. Keylor, The 20<sup>th</sup> Century World : An International History
3. Norman Lowe , Mastering the Modern World
4. Mc. Williams , Wayne C. & Pitrowski, Harry, the World Since 1945, A History of International Relations.
5. C. Brown& J. Mooney, Cold War to Détente 1945-83(Heinemann 1984)
6. Chain Herzog , The Arab Isreal War (Vintage Books 1981)
7. D. Mitchell, The Spanish Civil War (Glanada 1972)
8. E.H. Carr, International Relations between the Two World Wars .
9. Eric Hobsbawm, Age of Extremes: The Short Twentieth Century 1914-1991
10. F. Mc Donough, The Origins of the First and Second World War (Cambridge 1970)
11. G. Ludested , East West North South : Major Developments In International Politics Since 1945(Oxford 1999)
12. M.E. Yapp, the Middle East Since the First World War , (Longman 1991)
13. O.Leorose and Richard Sisson , War and Secession : Pakistan, India and the Creation of Bangladesh(Berkeley 1990)
14. Sumit Ganguli, the Origins of War in South Asia : Indo Pakistan Conflicts Since 1947.
15. M.Mamoon & Jayanta Kumar Ray , Civil Society in Bangladesh Resitence and Retreat , Kolkata 1996
16. Karuna Kaushik, History of Communist Russia 1917-199i New Delhi Macmillam 2006.