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QUESTIONS OF THE ENTRANCE EXAM TO THE
MASTER'S PROGRAM FOR THE 2025 – 2026
ACADEMIC YEAR

1. The results of the Thirty Years' War: Formation of the Westphalian System of International Relations.
2. The American Colonies' War for Independence and the Position of the Great Powers. Formation of the United States.
3. Ideas of the "Declaration of Independence" of the United States of America. Ideas of the French Revolution of 1789. "Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen."
4. The Impact of the French Revolution on International Relations.
5. The Congress of Vienna 1814-1815 and its Decisions. The Formation of a New System of International Relations.
6. The Treaty of Gulistan and the Treaty of Turkmenchay.
7. The Issue of German Unification and the Position of the Great Powers.
8. The Issue of Italian Unification and the Position of the Great Powers.
9. The Treaty of San Stefano and the Berlin International Congress.
10. The Formation of the "Entente" and the "Triple Alliance." The New Geopolitical Situation in the Eurasian Continent.
11. The Sykes-Picot Agreement and the Division of the Asian Part of Turkey.
12. The Preparation of European Powers for World War I: Goals and Objectives.
13. Diplomacy during World War I (1914–1918).
14. The Treaty of Brest-Litovsk (March 1918) and its International Consequences.

15. Conclusion of International Treaties with the Defeated Countries in World War I.
16. Preparation and Opening of the Paris Peace Conference. The Treaty of Versailles.
17. The Lausanne Peace Conference.
18. Creation of the League of Nations: Main Goals and Objectives.
19. The Washington Conference and its Decisions.
20. The Beginning of German Aggression and the Munich Agreement.
21. Anglo-French-Soviet Negotiations on the Conclusion of a Military-Political Alliance in 1939 and Their Failure.
22. The Soviet-German Non-Aggression Pact of 1939.
23. The Moscow and Tehran Conferences of 1943.
24. The Yalta and Potsdam Conferences of the "Big Three" Leaders.
25. The United Nations Conference in San Francisco. Adoption of the UN Charter.
26. The German Question in 1945-1949. The Division of Germany.
27. The First Crises of the Cold War (Greece, Turkey, Iran). The Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan.
28. The Brussels Pact and the Creation of NATO.
29. The Division of Palestine. The Beginning of the Middle Eastern Conflict.
30. The Creation of the Comecon and the Warsaw Pact Organization.
31. The Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962.
32. The Helsinki Final Act and the Creation of the CSCE.
33. The End of the Cold War and the Collapse of the Bipolar System.
34. International Relations as a Phenomenon: Concept, Structure, Historical Logic of Development.
35. International Relations, World Politics, Foreign Policy, and Domestic Policy. Their Interrelation, Commonality, and Differences.
36. World Politics and International Relations as a Scientific Discipline. The Subject and Object of International Political Science. The Interdisciplinary Nature of International Studies.
37. Classical Theories in the Study of International Relations (Realism, Liberalism), Their Main Propositions. The First and Second "Great Debates" in International Relations.

38. Modern Trends in International Relations Theory: Neorealism, Neomarxism, Neoliberalism. The Third "Great Debate" in International Relations.
39. The Fourth "Great Debate" in International Relations. Postmodernism, Constructivism, Critical Theories.
40. Major Actors in World Politics. The Role of States, International Intergovernmental Organizations, and Non-State Actors in Contemporary World Politics. Intergovernmental Organizations at the Global and Regional Levels.
41. Formation of the Political Structure of the Modern World. The Collapse of the Bipolar World and the Formation of a New World Order. Characteristics of Modern Trends in International Relations and World Politics.
42. Key Concepts and Trends in the Development of International Relations and World Politics at the End of the 20th and Beginning of the 21st Century (The "Clash of Civilizations" Concept in the Context of World Politics, the "End of History" Concept in the Context of World Politics).
43. The Problem of Security in the Modern World. Security in the Military-Political, Economic, and Other Spheres. The Concept of Human Security.
44. Challenges and Threats of the Modern World: Regional and Local Wars, International Terrorism, Modern Conflicts. The Destructive Potential of Future Cyber Weapons in International Relations.
45. Challenges and Threats of the Modern World: Environmental Degradation, Demographic Issues and Global Migration, "Problem" States.
46. Globalization and Integration Processes in World Politics. Globalization as the Leading Trend of Global Development. Approaches to Globalization, Debates on Globalization Issues, Contradictions of Globalization.
47. The Energy Factor in Modern World Politics.
48. The Phenomenon of Leadership and the Parameters of a Great Power in the Modern World.
49. International Law in Modern International Relations and World Politics.
50. The Problem of Democratization in Modern International Relations and World Politics.
51. The Problem of the Transformation of the Modern World Order.

52. The Essence and Content of the Concept of "National Security." Modern Concepts of National Security. The Place of National Security in the System of Global and Regional Security.
53. The Concept of "National Interest," its Content, Legitimacy. The Formation of National Interests and Threats to National Security.
54. The Proclamation of Independence of the First Republic of Armenia and the Position of the Great Powers.
55. The Turkish-Armenian War of 1920 and the Sovietization of the Armenian Republic: The Birth of the Second Republic.
56. The Moscow and Kars Treaties of 1921: The Issue of the Integrity of the Armenian Republic. The Legality of the Moscow and Kars Treaties (Legal Aspect).
57. The Role of the CIS in Modern International Relations and World Politics.
58. The Role of NATO in Modern International Relations and World Politics.
59. The Role of the EU in Modern International Relations and World Politics.
60. The Role of the EAEU in Modern International Relations and World Politics.
61. The Role of OPEC in Modern International Relations and World Politics.
62. The Role of the SCO in Modern International Relations and World Politics.
63. Key Features and Aspects of Geopolitical Analysis. The Subject of Geopolitical Research. Functions of Geopolitics.
64. Major Geopolitical Factors. Key Categories and Laws of Geopolitics.
65. The Formation of Geopolitical Ideas from Ancient Times to the Age of Enlightenment (Aristotle, Laozi, Machiavelli, J. Bodin, Ch. Montesquieu, and others).
66. Key Ideas and Principles of the Classics of Geopolitics (Karl Ritter, Friedrich Ratzel, Rudolf Kjellen).
67. The German School of Geopolitics (Karl Haushofer, Carl Schmitt, Josef Parche, F. Naumann, A. Grabowski).
68. The French and Italian Schools (Vidal de la Blache, Jacques Ancel, J. Gottmann, Yves Lacoste, Pierre Guilla, Giulio Due, Carlo Santoro, Jean Attali, Jean Terriar, Alain de Benoist).
69. The Anglo-American School (Alfred Mahan, Halford Mackinder, Nicholas Spykman. Geopolitical Ideas of S. Cohen, Donald Meining, Henry Kissinger, Zbigniew Brzezinski,

Samuel Huntington, Michael Buchanan, Neomondialism of Francis Fukuyama, Michael Doyle).

70. The Russian School: Geopolitical Ideas of N.Ya. Danilevsky, D.A. Milyutin, N.S. Trubetskoy, P.N. Savitsky, V.P. Semenov-Tian-Shansky, L.N. Gumilev, G. Vernadsky, K.S. Gajdiev, A. Dugin.
71. The Geopolitical Role of the South Caucasus and Central Asia.
72. The Role of the USA in Global Politics.
73. The Role of the EU in Global Politics.
74. Russia and Eurasia in Global Politics.
75. The Geopolitical Importance of the Caspian Region.
76. Africa and Latin America in Global Politics.
77. The Role of the Middle East Region in Global Politics.
78. Eastern and Southern Asia in Global Politics.
79. The Origins of the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict.
80. The Political and Legal Basis for Settling the Nagorno-Karabakh Problem. Proposals of the OSCE Minsk Group for the Peaceful Settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict.
81. The Geopolitical Interests of the USA, Russia, Turkey, Iran, and the EU in Resolving the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict.
82. The Geopolitical Dimension of the Ukrainian Crisis. The Confrontation Between Russia and the West on the Ukrainian Issue.
83. The Geopolitical Interests of Regional and Non-Regional States in Syria. The Cause of Tension Between the USA and Russia and Their Impact on the Political Situation in the Middle East.
84. The Kurdish Question in the Context of Geopolitical Processes in the Middle East.
85. The Geopolitical Situation Around Syria at the Present Stage.
86. The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict at the Present Stage.
87. The Afghan Problem: The Clash of Geopolitical Interests in Afghanistan.
88. The Interests and Politics of Turkey in the South Caucasus at the Present Stage.
89. The Interests and Politics of Iran in the South Caucasus at the Present Stage.
90. The Interests and Politics of Russia in the South Caucasus at the Present Stage.
91. The Interests and Politics of the USA in the South Caucasus at the Present Stage.

92. The Interests and Politics of the EU in the South Caucasus at the Present Stage.
93. Formation and Main Directions of Georgia's Foreign Policy.
94. The "Belt and Road Initiative" as a Key Factor in China's Foreign Policy in Eurasia.
95. The Concept and Types of State Bodies for Foreign Relations.
96. The Procedure for Establishing Diplomatic Relations.
97. The Diplomatic Corps. The Functions of the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps.
98. The Privileges and Immunities of Diplomatic Personnel According to the 1961 Vienna Convention.
99. The Informational Activities of Diplomats in the Host Country. Documents of Diplomatic Correspondence.
100. The Establishment of Consular Relations and the Functions of Consular Institutions. Main Directions of Consular Service Activities.
101. The Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic Relations (1961) and Consular Relations (1963): Their Significance and Key Provisions.
102. Diplomatic Ranks: Concept and Current System in Armenia.
103. Forms and Methods of Shuttle Diplomacy in International Relations.
104. Public Diplomacy as a Tool of State Foreign Policy. Issues of the Relationship Between "Soft Power," "Hard Power," and "Smart Power" in State Foreign Policy.
105. Unrecognized and Failed States: Essence, Differences, and Issues.
106. The Concept of "International Dispute" and the Obligation to Resolve It Peacefully. Means of Resolving International Disputes.
107. The Law of International Organizations.
108. Features and Principles of Armenia's Foreign Policy Formation.
109. Main Directions of Armenia's Foreign Policy at the Present Stage.
110. Armenia's Relations with the Russian Federation.
111. Armenia's Relations with the United States.
112. Armenia's Relations with Regional Countries: Armenia – Georgia and Iran.
113. Armenia's Relations with Regional Countries: Armenia – Turkey and Azerbaijan.
114. Armenia's Participation in Integration Projects: Armenia – EAEU.
115. Armenia's Participation in Integration Projects: Armenia – EU.

116. The Artsakh War of 2020 and the Transformation of the Security Environment in the South Caucasus. Security Threats and Challenges to Armenia at the Present Stage.
117. Armenia's Participation in International Organizations (UN, OSCE, Council of Europe).
118. Armenia's Participation in Regional Projects and Initiatives (GUAM, North-South, etc.).
119. Analysis of Armenia's Effectiveness in International Organizations (NATO-CSTO).
120. Issues and Features of the Formation of the Armenian Diaspora. The Role of the Diaspora in Promoting Armenia's Interests.
121. The Transformation of the Understanding of International Security After World War II.
122. The Essence of Energy Security and the Problems of Ensuring It at the Present Stage.
123. The Essence of Information and Cybersecurity and the Problems of Ensuring It at the Present Stage.
124. The Issues of Nuclear Non-Proliferation in the 21st Century.
125. The Problem of War and Peace in Modern International Relations.

Literature:

1. Венская конвенция о дипломатических сношениях 1961 г. (принята на международной конференции в Вене, 18 апреля 1961г.)
2. Венская конвенция о консульских сношениях 1963 г. (принята на международной конференции в Вене, 24 апреля 1963 г.)
3. Устав Содружества Независимых Государств (г. Минск, 22 января 1993 года)
4. Устав Организации Объединенных Наций (Сан-Франциско, 26 июня 1945 г.)
5. Устав Организации Договора о коллективной безопасности от 7 октября 2002 года
6. Хартия Шанхайской организации сотрудничества (Санкт-Петербург, 7 июня 2002 года)
7. Договор о Европейском союзе. (Маастрихт, 7 февраля 1992 г.) (в редакции Лиссабонского договора 2007 г.)
8. Всеобщая декларация прав человека, принятая резолюцией 217 А (III) Генеральной Ассамблеи ООН от 10 декабря 1948 года
9. Договор об учреждении Евразийского экономического сообщества от 10 октября 2000 года (с изменениями от 25 января 2006 г. и 6 октября 2007 г.)
10. Устав Организации Договора о коллективной безопасности от 7 октября 2002 года
11. Хельсинкский Заключительный акт от 1 августа 1975

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3. Торкунов А., Мальгин А. Современные международные отношения: учеб. пособие. – М.: Аспект Пресс, 2017. — 688 с.

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6. Лебедева М. М. Мировая политика/ 4-е изд., испр. и доп. - М.: КНОРУС, 2016. - 256 с.
7. Протопопов А.С., Козьменко В.М., Елманова Н.С. История международных отношений и внешней политики России (1618-2000), Учебник для вузов/ Под ред. Протопопова А. С. – М.: Аспект Пресс, 2018.– 448 с.
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10. Политология: учебник / под общ. ред. Я.А. Пляйса, С.В. Расторгуева. — М.: ИНФРА- М.: 2019. — 414 с.
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12. Սահակյան Մ. Դ., Չինաստանի «մեկ գոտի, մեկ ճանապարհ»
13. նախաձեռնությունը եվ Հայաստանը/ Ուսումնառական դեռնարկ, Եր.: Նորավանք ԳՀԿ, 2018թ.- 144 էջ
14. Mher Sahakyan and Heinz Gä rtner (Eds.), China and Eurasia: Rethinking Cooperation and Contradictions in the Era of Changing World Order, Routledge, 2022. – 246 pp.
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23. Н.А. Нартов, В.Н. Нартов. Геополитика, Москва, 2013
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2. Гетьман-Павлова, И. В. Международное право: учебник для академического

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