Examine distinctions between global, regional, and isolationist foreign policy patterns. Discuss factors influencing a state's behavior.

Mode of Operation ("Modus Operandi"): The modus operandi identifies patterns based on how countries operate. Multilateralist states rely on diplomatic forums involving several nations, such as the United Nations, emphasizing cooperation. Developing countries often use multilateral approaches for collective bargaining. Unilateralist states, with strong economic and military power, prefer unilateral means, including intervention and the use of force, to influence outcomes.

Activities:

• Definition and Differentiation:

- Define and differentiate between alliance patterns, scope dimensions, and modus operandi in foreign policy.
- Discuss in groups whether these foreign policy dimensions affect the nature and structure of the international system and why.

Exam Questions:

- 1. Explain Arnold Wolfers' three patterns of foreign policy behavior: self-preservation, self-extension, and self-abnegation. Provide examples of countries exhibiting each pattern.
- 2. Analyze the foreign policy behavior of the United States, China, and Less Developing Countries (LDCs) using Wolfers' patterns. How do their actions align with self-preservation, self-extension, or self-abnegation?
- 3. Discuss the significance of nonalignment during the Cold War. How did the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) contribute to the foreign policy choices of developing countries?
- 4. Examine the alignment tendencies of individual states. How do alliances, neutrality, and nonalignment impact a country's foreign policy behavior?
- 5. Explore the historical context of isolationism in foreign policy. Provide examples of countries that have adopted isolationist policies and discuss the viability of isolationism in the modern era of interdependence.
- 6. Evaluate the foreign policy scope of major powers, regional actors, and isolationist states. How does the scope of a country's activities impact its international relations and outcomes of disputes?
- 7. Discuss the concept of modus operandi in foreign policy. Compare and contrast the patterns of multilateralist and unilateralist states. Provide examples to illustrate each approach.
- 8. Examine the role of multilateralism in international relations. How do multilateral approaches enhance the collective bargaining power of developing countries?
- 9. Analyze the impact of geographic remoteness and key weaknesses on a country's foreign policy scope. How have historical circumstances influenced the scope of certain countries' foreign policy behaviors?