

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University
Term End Examination January - 2026

Course	: Certificate Course	Date	: 06/03/2026
Subject Code	: CINS - 02	Time	: 11:30am to 01:45pm
Subject Name	: Evolution of India's Strategic Thought	Duration	: 2.15 Hours
		Max. Marks	: 70

-
- Q-1** Discuss Kautilya's concept of State and National Interest. **14**
OR
Explain the Mandala Theory and its relevance to foreign policy.
- Q-2** Explain the strategic dimensions of the Mahabharata. **14**
OR
Discuss how internal fragmentation led to the decline of Indian empires.
- Q-3** Examine the strategic failures of Indian rulers against European powers. **14**
OR
Discuss the diplomatic and military strategy of the British in India.
- Q-4** **Short notes (Any two)** **14**
1. Kautilya and Machiavelli – A Comparison
2. The Six-Fold Policy (Shadgunya)
3. Internal Disunity and National Security
4. Neglect of Military Modernisation
- Q-5** **Choose the correct option for the questions given below and write the answer.** **14**
1. Chanakya is often compared to:
(A) Plato (B) Machiavelli (C) Aristotle (D) Hobbes
2. The famous treatise written by Kautilya is:
(A) Arthashastra (B) Manusmriti (C) Mahabharata (D) Rajatarangini
3. The Mandala Theory is related to:
(A) Economic reforms (B) Religious philosophy
(C) Inter-state relations and foreign policy (D) Agricultural development
4. A major advantage of the Europeans over Indian rulers was:
(A) Larger population (B) Strong naval power
(C) Superior agriculture (D) Cultural unity
5. A major weakness of Indian rulers during European expansion was:
(A) Internal disunity (B) Lack of religion
(C) Small armies (D) Absence of taxation
6. The last major uprising against British rule in India was:
(A) Non-Cooperation Movement (B) Quit India Movement
(C) Swadeshi Movement (D) Revolt of 1857
7. Kautilya gave more importance to:
(A) Emotional leadership (B) Religious authority
(C) State security and diplomacy (D) Isolationism
