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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

THIRD SEMESTER – APRIL 2023

PIR 3502 – CONTEMPORARY EUROPE

Date: 04-05-2023   Dept. No.   Max. : 100 Marks
Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

PART – A   (4x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer any <u>Four</u> of the following in 400-500 words each

1. What is the Congress of Vienna? Briefly talk about its role in the creation of a new political order in Europe.

2. Trace the role of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) in laying the foundation for European integration

3. Write short notes on the functions of the following institutions

    a) European Commission   b) Treaty of Nice

4. How does the Lisbon treaty enable the 'mutual defence' of EU countries?

5. Briefly explain the role of neo functionalism in the history of European integration.

6. Discuss the division of Europe into two antagonistic camps and its effects during the Cold War.

PART – B   (3 x 20 = 60 Marks)

Answer the following in 1200 words each

7. a) Describe in detail the unification of Germany and Italy. How does this affect Europe's balance of power in the 19th and 20th century?
    (or)
    b) Discuss the salience of Economic and Monetary Union in the European integration process. Write on the three stages of the EMU and when they were achieved.

8. a) Elucidate the role of the Court of Justice of European Union as one of its key institutions. What are the powers vested in the Court regarding European affairs?

    (or)
    b) Describe the key features of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. Give specific reference to the constitutional provisions on 'External action' of the Union

9. a) How does the impact of Brexit affect the future of European Union? Explain Brexit through Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty
    (or)
    b) Is the European Union an intergovernmental or supranational organisation, or partly both? Justify your answer with supportive arguments.

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