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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

FOURTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2023

PIR 4503 – CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Date: 05-05-2023

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

PART – A

(4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer any Four of the following between 300-400 words each

1. What is the salience of the San Francisco Conference in creating the United Nations?
2. Discuss the origins of the Cold War.
3. How does the World Systems Theory explain neo-colonial relations?
4. Examine the rise of Russia since the emergence of Vladimir Putin.
5. Outline the issue areas that have historically dominated traditional security.
6. Explain the role of the Secretary General of the United Nations.

PART – B

(3 x 20 = 60 Marks)

Answer the following between 1200-1500 words each

7. a) Describe the historical role of the Non-Aligned Movement in reducing Cold War tensions. Discuss its relevance for contemporary International Relations.
(or)
b) Explain the relevance of the term 'New Cold War'. How does Russia and China play a role in the evolution of the New Cold War?
8. a) Discuss the possibility of a multipolar world order and its stability. Compare multipolarity as it existed during the World Wars and a potential multipolar world in the near future.
(or)
b) Explicate the role of energy security in both traditional and non-traditional security. What are the issues in energy security that are prominent since the 1973 oil crisis?
9. a) Examine in detail the structure of the United Nations. Elaborate the six main organs of the UN and its functions.
(or)
b) Elaborate the various challenges that the United Nations has come to face in the 21st century. Support your answer with specific reference to UN actions on climate change.
