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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2022

PIR 1504 – UNDERSTANDING GEOPOLITICS

Date: 28-11-2022

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM

PART – A

(4x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer any Four of the following in 400-500 words each

1. Discuss two reasons why Mackinder's theory is outdated today.
2. Briefly talk about two features of the Cold War that make it distinct from others.
3. Discuss the geopolitical consequences of the 'normalisation of ties' between the United States and the People's Republic China.
4. Outline the concept of 'Resource curse' and provide an appropriate example.
5. What is the significance of BRICS as an emerging forum of international cooperation?
6. What is a choke point? Give an example.

PART – B

(3 x 20 = 60 Marks)

Answer any Three of the following in 1200 words each

7. a) Describe Mahan's theory of sea power. Explain British naval power in the 19th century through this theory
(or)
b) Define the idea of collective security through the history of NATO. Give examples of important member states and their role in strengthening collective security.
8. a) Analyse the different features of the post-cold war era. What is the significance of the 'Global war on terror'?
(or)
b) Discuss the rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union during the Cold War. How does 'arms control' happen between them in the form of various treaties?
9. a) Analyse the History of Oil in shaping modern geopolitics. How does the OPEC play a role shaping it?
(or)
b) Elucidate the role of SAARC in the evolution of regional integration in South Asia. What are its high points and where has it failed in achieving durable integration?
