



**LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034**

**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**THIRD SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2022**

**PIR 3503 – ISSUES AND DYNAMICS IN WEST ASIA**

Date: 25-11-2022

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

**PART – A**

**(4x 10 = 40 Marks)**

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

1. What is *Millet* system? How the system kept the Ottoman empire intact?
2. Define Sectarianism and highlight its impact in the West Asia
3. Who is Michel Aflaq? Explain his contribution to *Ba'ath* party.
4. Explain the impact of Islamic Revolution and its political acceptance.
5. What is Arab Spring? Highlight any two countries which had a leadership change.
6. Who are Kurds? Why they are stateless? - Explain

**PART – B**

**(3 x 20 = 60 Marks)**

Answer any **Three** of the following in 1200 words each

7. a) Discuss why the West Asia's religious heritage impacted on its political development?  
(or)  
b) In what ways did the Tanzimat reforms, particularly administrative centralisation, ultimately undermine Ottoman authority?
8. a) What are the political mandates of the League of Nations in the West Asian region? Did the mandate period shape the establishment of the state of Israel.  
(or)  
b) Enumerate the decline of colonial influence in the West Asian region and the transfer to the Cold War environment.
9. a) Why is Nuclear proliferation a particularly important issue in the West Asia? How Iran justify its nuclear programme?  
(or)  
b) Explain **OPEC** and what was the decision reached by **OPEC+** recently that created the huge impact on the Great Power Competition (GPC)?

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