LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

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

FIRST SEMESTER – **NOVEMBER 2023**

PIR 1504 – UNDERSTANDING GEOPOLITICS

Date: 08-11-2023 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. Explain the contemporary relevance of Mackinder's theory.
2. Analyse the concept of deterrence in the context of nuclear geopolitics.
3. Briefly talk about the rise of 'environment' as an issue area in the post-cold war era.
4. How does 'rapprochement' play a key role in US-China relations?
5. What is the significance of foreign aid in post-war international relations?
6. Analyse India's role in the BRICS countries and their agenda.

PART – B **(3 x 20 = 60 Marks)**

Answer any Three of the following in 1200 to 1500 words each

7. a) Elucidate the significance of Alfred Thayer Mahan's theory of sea power. Provide examples of states that rose from the dominance over the seas.

(or)

b) Explain the historical role of transatlantic relations in global politics. Give examples of events and institutions that shape this cooperation.

8. a) Discuss the evolution of arms control agreements between Russia and the United States during the cold war. Contrast your answer with the evolution of ties between them in the last two decades.

(or)

b) Analyse the cyclical nature of Sino-Russia relations and its contemporary relevance. Explain your answer through the lens of relations during the 1960s and 70s.

9. a) Delineate the role of natural resources in shaping the regions of the Global South. Provide at least two examples of countries comprising two different resources each.

(or)

b) Explain the emergence of G4 as a forum for the reform of the UNSC. Discuss the Coffee Club grouping's opposition to the G4 countries.

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