



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

THIRD SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2023

PIR 3503 – ISSUES AND DYNAMICS IN WEST ASIA

Date: 04-11-2023

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM

PART – A

(4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

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

1. What is *Millet*? How did the system keep the Ottoman Empire impaired?
2. Explain the main features of the rise of Turkish Nationalism in West Asia.
3. Briefly sketch the Iran – Iraq War and its outcome?
4. Outline the impact of Arab Spring in West Asia.
5. Summarise Gulf Cooperation Council and its Oil Politics.
6. Define Sectarianism in the context of West Asia.

PART – B

(3 x 20 = 60 Marks)

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

7. a) Discuss in detail about the three monotheistic faiths in the West Asian Region.
(or)
b) Define the concept of *Wataniyya*? Identify the significance of Rifaat's *Wattaniya* discourse in the Arab Nationalism in the 19th and early 20th century.
 8. a) How did colonial patterns differ across West Asia and what impact did this have on the region? Explain through the examples of two West Asian countries.
(or)
b) Explain *Sykes – picot agreement* and how it defined the political map of the modern West Asia and the Palestinian question.
 9. a) In what ways is the Islamic Revolution in Iran important? Explain the course of the Islamic Revolution in Iran.
(or)
b) Does British Economist Richard Auty *Natural Resource Curse* apply to the economies of the West Asia? Explain with any two case studies.
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