

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

FIRST SEMESTER – **APRIL 2024**

PIR 1504 – UNDERSTANDING GEOPOLITICS

Date: 16-04-2024

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. Define geopolitics and discuss about its origins.
2. How does the invention of artillery create a military revolution in the 14th century.
3. Outline the significance of critical geopolitics.
4. Write short notes on the following
 - i) NPT
 - ii) INF Treaty
5. Define the idea of 'resource curse' and provide an appropriate example.
6. Describe the concept of 'New Regionalism' with an appropriate example.

PART – B

(3 x 20 = 60 Marks)

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

7. a) Describe George Modelski's theory on world leadership. How do dominant powers rise and fall through the course of history?

(or)

- b) Analyse the rise of 'environment' as a major issue area in the post-cold war era. Substantiate your answer through the salience of Rio Earth Summit.

8. a) What is the Heartland theory of Halford J Mackinder? Explain the assumptions of this theory and its contemporary relevance.

(or)

- b) Discuss the rivalry between the United States and the People's Republic of China in the mid-20th century. How does 'normalisation' of ties between the two countries change the course of the cold war?

9. a) Illustrate the role of Oil in shaping modern geopolitics. Explain the impact of the 1973 Oil Crisis on the global economy.

(or)

- b) Elucidate the role of BRICS as an alternate forum for an emerging world order. Discuss India's role in the grouping and its recent expansion.

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