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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

FIRST SEMESTER – APRIL 2024

PIR 1505 – SOUTH ASIA AND INDIAN OCEAN

Date: 20-04-2024

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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. Analyse the geopolitical significance of the South Asian region, taking into consideration its impact on neighboring countries and global politics.
2. Compare and contrast the various forms of nationalism in South Asia, highlighting their similarities, differences.
3. Assess the causes and outcomes of the 'Khost Rebellion' and 'Shinwari Rebellion' in South Asia, highlighting their historical significance.
4. Evaluate the major refugee crises that have affected South Asia, and analyze how they have shaped the socio-economic and political landscapes of both host and origin countries.
5. Analyse the fundamental principles and key objectives of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), and assess how these principles guide cooperation among member states in the Indian Ocean region.
6. What are some examples of both traditional and non-traditional threats that the countries in the Indian Ocean region face, and how do these threats impact regional security?

PART – B

(3 x 20 = 60 Marks)

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

7. a) Examine the interplay between nationalism and regional identity in South Asia. Discuss how the diversity of cultures, languages, and religions within the region has influenced the formation of national identities.
(or)
b) Explore the historical significance of the Anglo-Afghan wars and analyse how they contributed to the process of nation-state building in Afghanistan.
8. a) Describe the 'nation-building' process and the ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka by exploring the historical, political, and social factors that gave shape to these.
(or)
b) Analyze the coexistence of assimilationist and pluralistic nationalistic views in South Asia, while taking into account ethnic conflicts and challenges to pluralism. Identify the key factors that either facilitate or hinder the practice of pluralism in this diverse region.
9. a) Explain the concept of regionalism as a means to promote cooperation and development in South Asia, considering the experiences of SAARC. Analyse the underlying factors contributing to the perceived ineffectiveness of regionalism in the South Asian context.
(or)
b) Assess the geopolitical significance of the Indian Ocean within the framework of global power dynamics. Examine the strategic positioning of major international players in this region and evaluate the maritime disputes and challenges faced by South Asian countries within this context.

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