

LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2024

PIR 2502 – INDIA AND THE WORLD

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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. List the major external factors that influence India's foreign policy.
2. How India has attempted to overcome geographical challenges in its foreign policy decisions.
3. Discuss the potential limitations of the Five Principles in the context of contemporary international relations.
4. Explain India's position on nuclear proliferation and disarmament.
5. Examine the significance of India's signing of the four foundational agreements with the United States.
6. Analyse the prospects and challenges to the Russia-India-China (RIC) trilateral cooperation.

PART – B

(3 x 20 = 60 Marks)

Answer any Three of the following in 1500 words each

7. a) Formulate a well-supported argument about whether the notion of a "timeless" India accurately represents the historical reality of the civilization.

(or)

- b) Assess how Jawaharlal Nehru navigated the balance between idealism and realism in his foreign policy approach by examining his commitment to non-alignment and third-world solidarity alongside pragmatic considerations.

8. a) Analyse the strategies pursued by Nehru's successors in navigating India's quest for a major power role during the Cold War era.

(or)

- b) Describe India's engagement with the West Asian region since independence. How has India's strategy in the region changed in response to the Cold War's end and other recent developments?

9. a) Evaluate the extent to which the changing global order, characterized by rising multipolarity and geopolitical competition, has influenced the trajectory of US-India relations since 9/11.

(or)

- b) Give an account of the effectiveness of India's multilateral diplomacy in addressing global challenges and appraise India's foreign policy dynamics from nonalignment to multilateralism and multipolarity.

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