

LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

THIRD SEMESTER – **APRIL 2024**

PIR 3502 – CONTEMPORARY EUROPE

Date: 04-04-2024

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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. The rise of Europe since the 16th century has marked both the heights and lows of human civilisation. Explain
2. Explain the functions and organisational structure of the OECD.
3. Trace the enlargement of the European Communities through the 1970s and 80s.
4. Discuss the significance of Qualified majority voting in the European Union.
5. Briefly explain the role of social constructivism in the history of European integration.
6. What are the three parallel tracks of integration of Europe and their outcomes?

PART – B

(3 x 20 = 60 Marks)

Answer any Three of the following in 1200 words each

7. a) Elucidate the rise of political community since the French Revolution of 1789 and its impact across Europe. How does it culminate in the People's spring of 1848?
(or)
b) Discuss the political and economic dimensions of the Cold War that divided Europe after the Second World War. Provide relevant examples.
8. a) Explain the role of the European Commission as the executive of the European integration. What are the powers vested in the Commission on implementing EU policies?
(or)
b) Describe the importance of the European Council and the Council of EU. Analyse the functions of the Council of EU as a co-legislating body along with the Parliament.
9. a) Discuss the formation of the Lisbon Treaty and its constitutional importance. Explain the far-reaching changes it has instituted, on an enlarged European Union.
(or)
b) Determine the future of the European Union in light of contemporary events. Provide examples of any two events that could alter the course of the European integration project.

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