



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

THIRD SEMESTER – APRIL 2024

PIR 3503 – ISSUES AND DYNAMICS IN WEST ASIA

Date: 06-04-2024

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. Write briefly on the religious dynamics in West Asia.
2. Outline the Arab cultural awakening of *Al Nadha* and its impact.
3. Summarise the Royal Peel Commission and its recommendations.
4. What are the major causes of Islamic Revolution of Iran?
5. Who are Kurds? Why they are Stateless?
6. Examine the importance of Oil Politics 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) “That city, placed at the junction of two seas and two continents, seemed like a diamond set between two sapphires and two emeralds, to form the most precious stone in a ring of universal empires.” Describe the anecdote of prince Osman and the rise of Ottoman empire.
(or)
b) What is Tanzimat reforms? In what ways did administrative centralisation, ultimately undermined the Ottoman authority?
8. a) Explain League Mandates in West Asia. What were the political mandates that led to the identity politics in West Asia?
(or)
b) Define War on Terror? What have been its impacts on the West Asia?
9. a) Why is Nuclear proliferation a particularly important issue in West Asia? How do Iran and Israel justify their nuclear programme?
(or)
b) Trace the impact of oil on the economies of the West Asia? Explain with case studies.

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