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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

THIRD SEMESTER – APRIL 2024

PIR 3601 – CHINA AND THE ASIA PACIFIC

Date: 17-04-2024

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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. Analyze the reasons behind the Han Dynasty's characterization as the 'Golden Age' of China, considering its historical, cultural, and political significance.
2. Evaluate the lasting impact and significance of the Xinhai Revolution of 1911 on China's transition from imperial rule to a republic.
3. Examine the historical context and implications of the cooperation between the Chinese Communist Party (CPC) and the Kuomintang (KMT) in their united front against foreign imperial forces in China.
4. Assess China's foreign aid practices, exploring their alignment with or deviation from the principles of neo-colonialism and debt-trap diplomacy.
5. Write a short note on 'nine-dash line'.
6. Describe the multifaceted economic and strategic importance of the Asia-Pacific region for China's sustained growth and national security

PART – B

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

(3 x 20 = 60 Marks)

7. a) Describe the historical, societal, and geopolitical factors that contributed to the emergence of Chinese nationalism, and assess its impact on China's domestic and international policies.

(or)

- b) Examine Sun Yat-sen's three principles and their impact on the development of modern China, considering the enduring influence of his ideas and actions.

- 8.a) Evaluate the effectiveness of Mao Zedong's policies during the Great Leap Forward and Cultural Revolution, considering their long-term consequences for China's society and economy.

(or)

- b) Trace the trajectory of China's internationalization since the era of Deng Xiaoping, and critically evaluate its economic ascent and global prominence resulting from China's opening to the world.

- 9.a) Deconstruct the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), and analyze China's global strategy for achieving economic dominance and political influence through the BRI, considering its implications for International Relations.

(or)

- b) Analyze China's historical perspective on sovereignty and its impact on the country's territorial claims, considering the role of historical narratives and international norms in shaping its stance.

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