



# LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

## M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

FOURTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2024

### PIR 4503 – CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Date: 05-04-2024

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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 300-400 words each**

1. What is the role of the ‘Atlantic Charter’ in the creation of a new world order.
2. Trace the origins of the cold war.
3. Explain the rise of Iran in challenging the contemporary global order.
4. Examine the role of nuclear weapons in sustaining bipolarity.
5. Highlight the significance of environmental security as a non-traditional security issue.
6. Analyse the role of UNSC in providing leadership to the United Nations.

#### PART – B

(3 x 20 = 60 Marks)

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

7. a) Describe the historical role of the Non-aligned movement in reducing Cold War tensions. Discuss its relevance for contemporary International Relations.  
**(or)**  
b) Elaborate the significance of the newly emerging power rivalry between the United States, Russia and China in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Discuss its relevance in creating a ‘New Cold War’.
8. a) What is the relevance of polarity in contemporary International Relations. Analyse the significance of multipolarity in explaining the history of global conflict until 1945.  
**(or)**  
b) Discuss the emergence of energy security as a significant non-traditional security area. How did the 1973 oil crisis and subsequent changes over the next few decades play a role?
9. a) Explain in detail the structure of the United Nations and its six main organs. Elaborate the pivotal role played by the UNGA in democratising the UN.  
**(or)**  
b) Assess the track record of the United Nations in resolving conflict. Elaborate the significant challenges for the UN in the solving 21<sup>st</sup> century conflicts.

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