



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2022

PIR 1505 – SOUTH ASIA AND INDIAN OCEAN

Date: 30-11-2022

Dept. No.

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. Define the geopolitical significance of the South Asian region.
2. What is nationalism? Outline the dimensions of Nationalism in South Asia.
3. Write a short note on *Colonialism* in South Asia.
4. Illustrate how the refugee crises affect the South Asian region.
5. How formation of Blue Economy policy is significant for cooperation among the member states of IORA?
6. List the maritime challenges in the South Asian region and the Indian Ocean.

PART – B

(3 x 20 = 60 Marks)

Answer any Three of the following in 1200 words each

7. a) Delineate the 'nation building' process and the ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka.
(Or)
b) Elucidate the 'policy of accommodation' and 'policy of absorption' in the political process of establishing national identity in Bhutan.
8. a) Explain the construction of national identity of Pakistan. Interpret this process through the construction of the ideology of Pakistan, Islamisation and historical identity.
(Or)
b) Contrast the assimilationist and pluralistic perspectives of nationalism. Analyse the challenges to pluralism in South Asian countries.
9. a) Define the concept of maritime security. Assess the maritime conflicts in and cooperation among South Asian nations.
(Or)
b) Discuss the idea of regionalism in South Asia. Critically analyse whether regionalism is a futile quest in South Asia and the reasons behind it.
