



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2024

PIR 1505 – SOUTH ASIA AND INDIAN OCEAN



Date: 18-11-2024

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00 pm-04:00 pm

PART – A

Answer any Four of the following in 400-500 words each

(4x 10 = 40 Marks)

1. Discuss the historical impact of colonialism in shaping the political landscape of South Asia.
2. Enumerate the strategic significance of Afghanistan in the "Great Game".
3. Explain how the refugee crises affect the South Asian region.
4. Outline the major maritime challenges in the Indian Ocean region.
5. Evaluate the role of BIMSTEC in enhancing economic and political ties between South Asian nations.
6. Discuss the geopolitical importance of the Indian Ocean in contemporary global politics.

PART – B

Answer any Three of the following in 1200 words each

(3 x 20 = 60 Marks)

7. a) Examine the influence of colonial economic policies on the industrial sector in South Asia and analyse how colonial economic strategies shaped the growth of modern industries in the region.
(or)
b) Evaluate the role of ethnic and sectarian conflicts in shaping the internal politics of Bhutan and Sri Lanka.
8. a) Examine the processes of Hinduisation and Nepalisation in the historical context of Nepal's nation-state formation. How did these processes shape the country's political and cultural identity?
(or)
b) Analyze the role of multiculturalism and ethnic conflicts in shaping political instability in South Asia.
9. a) Discuss the concept of regionalism in South Asia, with specific reference to SAARC. Evaluate its potential for fostering economic integration and political cooperation.
(or)
b) Explore the role of maritime security in Indo-Pacific politics. How do global powers influence the region's security dynamics?

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