

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2019 – 2020 & thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE: 19IS/PE/ME15

M. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022
BRANCH II (E) - INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
THIRD SEMESTER

COURSE : ELECTIVE
PAPER : CONTEMPORARY ISSUES OF THE MIDDLE EAST
TIME : 3 HOURS **MAX. MARKS: 100**

SECTION - A

ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS IN ABOUT 300 WORDS EACH (5X8=40)

1. Trace the roots of Arab Nationalism
2. Discuss the role played by Islam in the Middle East.
3. Write a note on the Iranian Revolution of 1979
4. What were the causes and consequences of the Iran-Iraq War?
5. Briefly trace the history of Gulf Wars I and II.
6. Discuss the role played by the US in contemporary Middle East.
7. Discuss the role played by OPEC and oil in the Economy and Politics of the Middle East.
8. Examine the challenges to economic growth and development in the Middle East.

SECTION – B

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS IN ABOUT 1000 WORDS EACH (3X20=60)

9. Discuss the Geopolitical significance and strategic importance of the Middle East.
10. Analyse the role played and security challenges faced by Israel in the Middle East.
11. Examine India's National Interests and position in the Middle East.
12. Discuss the challenges posed by terrorism to peace and security in the Middle East.
13. What is 'Arab Spring'? Trace its origins and impact on the Arab World.
