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(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2019 – 2020 & thereafter)

M. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2023
BRANCH II (E) - INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
THIRD SEMESTER

COURSE : ELECTIVE
PAPER : LATIN AMERICAN: POLITY, ECONOMY AND SOCIETY
SUBJECT CODE : 19IS/PE/LA15
TIME : 3 HOURS **MAX. MARKS: 100**

SECTION – A

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

1. What were the primary motivations for European colonization in Latin America, and how did it impact the indigenous populations?
2. List and briefly explain some of the major contemporary issues and challenges facing Latin American countries in the 21st century.
3. Compare the processes of transitioning from authoritarian rule to democracy in Brazil and Venezuela. What were the major challenges and successes in each case?
4. Explain the key ideological principles of Marxism and how they were applied in the Cuban Revolution.
5. Explain how the abundance of natural resources in Latin America has both positively and negatively impacted the region's economic development. Provide examples of countries that have managed their resources effectively and those that have faced challenges.
6. Analyse the effects of globalization on Latin American economies. How have trade liberalization and market-oriented reforms influenced economic policies and outcomes in the region?
7. Describe the socio-religious factors that have historically influenced the roles and status of women in Latin American societies. How have religious beliefs and practices shaped gender dynamics?
8. Explain the goals and objectives of regional and transcontinental organizations like IBSA (India, Brazil, South Africa) and BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa). How do these groups promote cooperation and collaboration among member countries?

SECTION – B

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

9. Analyse the various challenges and conflicts that arose during the process of state formation in newly independent Latin American countries. How did these factors influence their political development?
10. Evaluate the role of external factors, such as European colonial powers or global economic trends, in shaping the course and success of revolutions in Latin America during the specified time period.

11. Evaluate the long-term impact of the Cuban Revolution on Cuba's political, economic, and social development, considering both positive achievements and criticisms.
12. Evaluate the impact of neoliberal economic policies on income inequality and social well-being in Latin America. Assess both the positive and negative consequences of these policies.
13. Evaluate the advantages and challenges for Latin American countries engaging with China. Analyse the potential benefits of increased trade and investment, as well as the risks associated with dependency on China's markets and loans.
