

**STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086  
(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 : CONTEMPORARY ISSUES OF THE MIDDLE EAST  
SUBJECT CODE : 19IS/PE/ME15  
TIME : 3 HOURS** **MAX. MARKS: 100**

**SECTION - A**

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

1. Write a short note on the Oil Politics
2. Examine the reasons for the emergence of Arab Nationalism.
3. Assess the challenges faced by women in Iran.
4. Examine the involvement of Russia in the Middle East
5. Trace the reasons for the Arab Spring.
6. Analyse the impact of Gulf War I & II on the peace of Middle East nations.
7. What are the challenges to economic growth in the Middle East region?
8. Assess the origin and growth of Wahabism and its impact on the contemporary world.

**SECTION – B**

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

9. Analyse the popularity of Authoritarian regimes vs democratic countries in the Middle East.
10. Examine the rise of Islamic extremism in Syria and role of external actors
11. Examine the role of the Indian migrant population in the Middle East's development.
12. Will the Israel – Palestine war lead to World War III? – Examine based on the historical factors.
13. Evaluate the role of US, UN and other actors in the Middle East Peace Process

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