

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

M. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2024
BRANCH II (E) – INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
FOURTH SEMESTER

COURSE : CORE
PAPER : GOVERNMENT & POLITICS OF CHINA
SUBJECT CODE : 19IS/PC/GP44
TIME : 3 HOURS **MAX. MARKS: 100**

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN ABOUT 1500 WORDS EACH (5x20=100)

1. a) Discuss the political history of the People's Republic of China, tracing its origins from Imperial China to the establishment and consolidation of the Communist regime.

OR

- b) Critically examine the role of Western influence in shaping the political and social landscape of China during the imperial era and the subsequent rise of nationalism.

2. a) Critically examine the structure and functioning of the Chinese political system, highlighting the roles of the Chinese Communist Party, the National People's Congress, and the People's Liberation Army.

OR

- b) Evaluate the historical evolution of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA), analysing its organisational structure, strategic missions, military doctrine, and the recent reforms.

3. a) Examine how Mao Zedong's interpretation of socialism and ideological approach differed from the Soviet model of socialism and how it shaped China's economic and political trajectories during his rule.

OR

- b) Analyse the impact of Mao Zedong's policies and ideologies, such as the Great Leap Forward and the Cultural Revolution, on China's economic development, social fabric, and political stability during his tenure as the leader of the Communist Party of China.

4. a) Discuss the challenges and successes of Deng Xiaoping's reform era, with particular emphasis on the economic liberalisation policies and their impact on China's development.

OR

- b) Evaluate Deng Xiaoping's policies including the Open Door Policy, China's relations with the superpowers, and the implications of the "Independent Policy of Peace."

5. a) Discuss the challenges and opportunities faced by China in the post-Cold War era, examining the leadership of Jiang Zemin, Hu Jintao, and Xi Jinping, and their respective contributions to China's grand strategy and foreign policy.

OR

- b) Analyse China's relations with neighbouring countries and regional organisations, such as India, Japan, and ASEAN, and its strategic interests in the Asia-Pacific region.
