

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

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

COURSE : ELECTIVE
PAPER : THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER IN THE ASIA PACIFIC
SUBJECT CODE : 19IS/PE/AP15
TIME : 3 HOURS **MAX. MARKS: 100**

SECTION – A

Answer any FIVE questions. Each answer should not exceed 300 words (5X8=40)

1. What factors shape the political and geographical profile of the Asia-Pacific region and how do they influence its role within the international system?
2. Explain the concept of Hegemonic Stability and its relevance to understanding international relations in the Asia Pacific Region
3. What are some key maritime security challenges in the Asia-Pacific, such as sea lane of communication, maritime piracy and terrorism?
4. How does ASEAN-ARF contribute to regional economic stability and cooperation?
5. What is the significance of regional economic cooperation in the Asia-Pacific?
6. What role does the United States play in the Asia Pacific and how does it influence regional dynamics?
7. What are the key energy and environmental challenges facing the Asia-Pacific region and how do they impact regional sustainability and security?
8. What are the major ethnic conflict and minority issues prevalent in the Asia-Pacific and how does it impact the stability of the region?

SECTION – B

Answer any THREE questions. Each answer should not exceed 1000 words (3X20=60)

9. Compare and contrast the theoretical approaches of power transition theory, regional security complex theory, in analysing dynamics within the Asia Pacific Region. Discuss their respective strengths, weaknesses, and implications for understanding regional politics and security.
10. Examine the systemic issues of territorial and boundary dispute and ethnic conflicts in the Asia-Pacific region. Discuss the origins, complexities and potential solutions to these issues and evaluate their implications for regional dynamics and security
11. Examine China's role and influence in the Asia-Pacific security landscape including its military modernization, territorial disputes and regional initiatives.
12. Evaluate the challenges and obstacles to democratization in specific countries within the Asia Pacific regions. How do factors such as authoritarian regime, ethnic tensions and economic disparities impede democratization process.
13. Analyse the impact of nuclear weapons on security dynamics in the Asia-Pacific region, n. considering the rise of the Second Nuclear Age and its implications for strategic stability and arms control efforts
