

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2008 – 09 & thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE: IS/PC/TR14

M. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2008
BRANCH II (E) - INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE : MAJOR – CORE
PAPER : THEORIES AND ISSUES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

TIME : 3 HOURS **MAX. MARKS: 100**

SECTION – A

ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS. EACH ANSWER SHOULD NOT EXCEED 300 WORDS : (5 X 8 = 40)

1. How does Neo-Realism differ from classical realism?
2. What do you think is the relevance of History in understanding contemporary International Relations?
3. Is nationalism getting stronger or weaker across the globe? Discuss.
4. How is National Interest conceived and operationalised?
5. Is Balance of Power relevant in the contemporary world?
6. Discuss the problems of Nuclear Non-proliferation.
7. Examine the assumptions of nuclear deterrence.

SECTION – B

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS. EACH ANSWER SHOULD NOT EXCEED 1500 WORDS : (3 X 20 = 60)

8. Examine the various 'scientific' approaches to the study of International Relations.
9. What constitutes 'National Power' in the contemporary world? Is 'soft power' becoming more important than 'hard power'?
10. Discuss the driving forces of Globalization. What are the arguments against Globalization?
11. Analyse the limitations of the Collective Security mechanism under the UNO.
12. Are we witnessing the end of the 'Post Cold War Era'? Is unilateralism based on American hegemony over? Discuss.
