

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2011 – 12)

SUBJECT CODE: 11IS/PE/ME34

M. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2012
BRANCH II (E) - INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
THIRD SEMESTER

COURSE : ELECTIVE
PAPER : GOVERNMENT & POLITICS OF MIDDLE EAST
TIME : 3 HOURS **MAX. MARKS: 100**

SECTION – A **(5 X 8 = 40)**

ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS. EACH ANSWER SHOULD NOT EXCEED 300 WORDS:

1. What were the causal reasons for the Gulf War I?
2. Religion is the single most marker of identity in the Middle East-Discuss.
3. Yom Kippur War 1973.
4. What were the reasons for the rise of “Intifada” in the Middle East?
5. Analyse the emergence of Modern Middle East.
6. Explain the role of UN in the Middle East Peace Process.
7. Wahabism has become a dominant faith in Saudi Arabia-Discuss.
8. How far do you think that Western Imperialism impacted the politics and society of Middle East?

SECTION – B **(4 X 10 = 40)**

ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS. EACH ANSWER SHOULD NOT EXCEED 1500 WORDS:

9. Elaborate the reasons for the emergence of Arab nationalism.
10. Iran – Iraq War was conflict rooted on regional rivalry-Explain.
11. How far do you think theocracy influences the politics and State of Iran?
12. Analyse the interest of extra regional actors in the Middle East.
13. Discuss in detail the Israel-Palestinian situation.
14. US has been working towards building a comprehensive peace in the Middle East
Discuss.
15. What are the challenges to modernization and economic development in the Middle East?

SECTION – C

(1 X 20 = 20)

ANSWER ANY ONE QUESTION. EACH ANSWER SHOULD NOT EXCEED 1000 WORDS:

16. Decades after emancipation from colonial rule, the quest for independence still figures highly on the Arab agenda – Explain.
17. The Middle East is the geographic “center of gravity” of the world’s oil industry. Oil is of integral importance in both the foreign and the domestic politics of nearly every country in the region – Discuss.
18. Democratisation of the Middle East is a major challenge – Analyse.
