

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2009 – 2010 & thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE: IS/PC/IR14

M. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2010
BRANCH II (E) - INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE : MAJOR – CORE
PAPER : INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SINCE 1945
TIME : 3 HOURS **MAX. MARKS: 100**

SECTION – A

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

- 1) Discuss the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and the US response during the Cold War.
- 2) Evaluate the role of NATO during the Cold War.
- 3) Trace the major Nuclear Disarmament initiatives during the Cold War.
- 4) Discuss the logic of NATO's expansion in the Post Cold War era.
- 5) Examine the causes and results of Gulf War I.
- 6) What are the stumbling blocks to Conflict Resolution in the Middle East?
- 7) Analyse the Global response to terrorism since the September 11 attacks.
- 8) Discuss how the uneven growth of human population across the globe leads to resource conflicts.

SECTION – B

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

- 9) Discuss the dynamics of nuclear conflict and nuclear deterrence between the two superpowers during the Cold War.
- 10) Critically analyse the process of Sino-US Normalisation and its impact on the Cold War.
- 11) Analyse the causes that led to the disintegration of the Soviet Union.
- 12) As the United States struggles with its War on Terror, and its economy still in the recovery mode, American hegemony has been severely compromised – Discuss.
- 13) Discuss the non-traditional security threats in the Twenty – First century.
