

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

**SUBJECT CODE: 11IS/PE/ME34**

**M. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2015**  
**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)**

**WRITE SHORT NOTES ON ANY FIVE. EACH ANSWER SHOULD NOT EXCEED 300 WORDS:**

1. Middle East
2. Oil Economy in the Middle East
3. Iranian revolution of 1979
4. Formation of Israel
5. Autocracy in West Asia
6. Islam in West Asia
7. Intifada
8. Islamic State (ISIS)

**SECTION – B**

**(4 X 10 = 40)**

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

9. Discuss the Social and religious roots of the Middle East.
10. Assess the achievements and limitations of Arab Nationalism.
11. Discuss the problem of terrorism and Fundamentalism in the Middle East.
12. Examine the nature of India's interests and involvement in the Middle East.
13. Discuss the Challenges to the Economy of the West Asian Region.
14. Trace the causes and consequences of the US Invasion of Iraq in 2003.
15. Critically examine the role of Russia in the Middle East in the Post-Cold War Era.

**SECTION – C**

**(1 X 20 = 20)**

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

16. Critically analyse the US interests and engagement in the Middle East.
17. Examine the Political Culture and challenges to Democracy in the Middle East.
18. Trace the major events of the Arab- Israeli Conflict and the Middle East Peace Process.

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