

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2015 – 2016 & thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE: 15IS/PE/ME14

M. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2018
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. Iran Revolution of 1979
2. Indian Diaspora in the Middle East
3. Zionism
4. Arab Nationalism
5. Shia-Sunni Divide
6. Intifada
7. Wahhabi Movement
8. Iraq after Saddam Hussein

SECTION – B **(4 X 10 = 40)**

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

9. Give a brief historical sketch of the Middle East as a region.
10. Discuss the interplay of Religion and Politics in the Middle East.
11. Gulf Wars I&II
12. Discuss the unique position of Israel in the Middle East.
13. Trace the role of oil in the Middle East Economy.
14. Write a note on 'Arab Spring'.
15. Discuss the nature, ideology and tactics of the 'Islamic State'.

SECTION – C **(1 X 20 = 20)**

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

16. Critically examine India's security and economic interests in the Middle East.
17. Discuss the ongoing conflicts and security challenges in the Middle East.
18. Examine the US interests and its role in the Middle East.
