



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

FIRST SEMESTER – APRIL 2022

PIR 1504 – UNDERSTANDING GEOPOLITICS

Date: 23-06-2022

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM

PART – A

(4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer any Four of the following in 400 -500 words each

1. Brief note on the centrality of Territory in Geopolitics.
2. Explain traditional geopolitics with examples.
3. Briefly explain 'End of History' and the geopolitical circumstances surrounding the theory.
4. What is BRI and its objectives? Explain the two components of BRI.
5. Define regionalism. What is SCO and its objectives? Why SCO is critical to India's interests?
6. Briefly trace the formation of the state of Israel.

PART – B

(3 x 20 = 60 Marks)

Answer any Two of the following in 1500 words each

7. How did Alfred Thayer Mahan influence U.S maritime strategy in the early 20th century? Explain his theory. What is the relevance of his theory in modern geopolitics?
8. Traditional geopolitics: the United States and the representation of global political space post-September 11th - analyse.
9. Write a detailed note on the factors that determine Russian geopolitics. Bring out the geographic features that has influenced Russia's relationship with Europe. Illustrate Ukraine's role in shaping Russia's security and geostrategic interests.
10. Elaborate the Heartland Theory. What are the geographic determinants of the Eurasian landmass that make the region important to dominate global politics? Why is Afghanistan geographically significant in the context of Heartland Theory?
11. Define Terrorism. What is Globalization of terror? Why do terror networks challenge traditional geopolitics? How did Terrorism influence the Cold War? What are some of the modern-day threats posed by global terrorism?

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