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M.Phil./Ph.D.

WEST ASIAN STUDIES

[Field of Study Code : WASP (119)]

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 70

All questions carry equal marks

Attempt **five** questions

Attempt at least **three** questions from Part—B

PART—A

1. The federal structure of Indian polity is facing serious challenges. Discuss.
2. Do you think that the United Nations failed to live up to the expectations of the people? What is its future?
3. Give an account of the concept of sovereignty.
4. Analyse the role of regionalism in international relations.
5. Examine the significance of religion as a factor in world politics.
6. Assess the transformations in India's foreign policy in the last one decade.

PART—B

7. Discuss India's interests in West Asia and North Africa.
8. Critically examine Israeli policies towards the Palestinians since the Oslo Peace Agreement.
9. Examine the causes, course and consequences of the recent popular uprisings in the Arab World.

10. Provide an analysis of the challenges faced by post-Saddam Iraq.
11. What do you understand by 'resource curse'? Illustrate this in the context of West Asia.
12. Explain the impact of sanctions on the development process of a country by providing the example of Iran.
13. Write short notes on any *two* of the following :
 - (a) The 1956 Suez Crisis
 - (b) Hizbollah
 - (c) Iran-Iraq War
 - (d) The 1987 Intifada
 - (e) Rentier State
14. Examine the major demographic features of West Asia.
15. Critically assess the effectiveness of the Gulf Cooperation Council



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