

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, 2013

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

PART—A

1. Discuss India's economic diplomacy in the era of globalisation.
2. "There is a global power shift towards a polycentric Asian century." Comment.
3. Give an account of the concept of power in international relations.
4. "The patriarchal nature of Indian society is the major impediment to women's empowerment." Explain.
5. Examine the relevance of the Nehruvian tradition in contemporary Indian politics and foreign policy.
6. Discuss the diversity of perspectives regarding the idea of Human Rights.

PART—B

7. In what ways neoliberal economic policy contributes to popular protests? Explain in the context of West Asia.
8. What do you mean by food security and food sovereignty? Outline the causes of food insecurity in West Asia.

9. Critically examine the 'democracy promotion' agenda pursued by the Western powers in the West Asian region in recent years.
10. "India's policy towards the Palestine issue has been diluted in the post-1992 phase." Answer by providing sufficient reasons for your position.
11. Assess the role of social media in the West Asian political sphere.
12. Write short notes on any *two* of the following :
 - (a) Consociational democracy in Lebanon
 - (b) Camp David Accords
 - (c) Indian Diaspora in the Gulf
 - (d) Israeli Elections (2013)
 - (e) Uprising in Bahrain
13. Examine the current status of India-Iran relations.
14. Explain the nature of political transition in contemporary Egypt.
15. Discuss the role played by regional organisations in West Asian economy and politics.

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