

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, 2014

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 the changing dynamics of India's neighbourhood policy.
2. Discuss the main arguments of the Constructivist approach to International Relations.
3. Give an account of the concept of National Interest in International Relations.
4. Discuss the relevance of regional parties in contemporary Indian politics.
5. "Creation of small states strengthens Indian Federalism." Do you agree with this statement? Answer by providing sufficient reasons for your position in the context of the formation of a separate Telangana State recently.
6. Critically examine India's Nuclear Policy.

PART—B

7. Critically examine the current status of the Arab Uprisings.
8. Discuss Israel's policy towards the Palestinians in the occupied Palestinian territories. What is Israel's position on an independent Palestinian State?

9. What is the importance of Oil in International Politics? Explain this with special reference to West Asia.
10. Critically examine India's response to the popular Uprisings in the Arab world.
11. Examine the various dimensions of India-Saudi Arabia relations.
12. Give an account of the role played by women's movements in West Asian societies.
13. Examine the problems and prospects of Turkey's accession to the European Union.
14. The declining influence of the US has resulted in the corresponding assertion of Russian influence in the West Asian region. Discuss.
15. Write short notes on any *two* of the following :
 - (a) Prospects of Democracy in post-Saddam Iraq
 - (b) The recent thaw in Iran's relations with the US and other Western Powers
 - (c) Role of Hizbollah in Lebanese politics
 - (d) The Fatah-Hamas rift
 - (e) Role of the Opposition in Jordan
 - (f) The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)
