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HISTORY

MAHIS03C09 : Contemporary World : Problems and Approaches

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

Instruction : Answers may be written either in **English** or in **Malayalam**.

SECTION – A

(Essay Type Questions)

Answer **any 2** out of 4 questions. **Each** question carries **10** marks.

1. Analyse the role of buffer zones in the Cold War. How did these areas act as a safeguard for the superpowers ?
2. Assess the relationship between ecological and environmental issues and international politics in the post-Cold War world.
3. Analyse the political and strategic outcomes of the Suez Crisis on Egypt and the wider Middle East.
4. Discuss the impact of the 1948 Arab-Israeli war on Middle Eastern geopolitics. (2×10=20)

SECTION – B

(Short Essay Type Questions)

Answer **any 5** out of 7 questions. **Each** question carries **5** marks.

5. Examine the role of oil in shaping the geopolitics of the Middle East from the 20th century onwards.
6. What is NATO, and why was it formed during the Cold War ?

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7. Evaluate the impact of OPEC's oil embargo in the 1970s on global economic relations.
8. How did the Gulf Wars reshape Middle Eastern politics ?
9. Evaluate the significance of the European Union as an economic and political alliance.
10. How has international terrorism emerged as a significant global issue after the Cold War ? Analyse its impact on global security and diplomacy
11. What is a unipolar world, and how did the United States emerge as the dominant power in it after the Cold War ? (5×5=25)

SECTION – C

(Paragraph Type Questions)

Answer **any 5** out of 8 questions. **Each** question carries **3** marks.

12. Evaluate the strategic importance of the Middle East during the Cold War.
13. Explain the importance of the Warsaw Pact in Soviet bloc politics.
14. Define the PLO and its main objectives.
15. Give a critical note on World Bank.
16. What was the importance of the Balfour Declaration in the creation of Israel ?
17. Critically assess the significance of the birth of Israel in the geopolitical dynamics of the Middle East.
18. What is the G8, and how has it influenced global economic policies and international relations since its formation ?
19. How was Ukraine formed as an independent country after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 ? (5×3=15)