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DSU 4642- Politics of South Asia: Internal political dynamics and extra-regional powers

FINAL EXAMINATION

DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)



Date: 29th of January 2023

Time: 01.30 PM- 04.30 PM

Instructions

- Answer five (05) questions only.
 - Read the question carefully and use examples where necessary to illustrate your answer.
 - Please write in legible handwriting
 - All questions carry equal marks (20 marks each)
1. Identify and analyze two main security issues in South Asian region.
 2. South Asia is significantly impacted by the engagement of extra-regional powers including the United States, China, and Russia (previously the Soviet Union). Do you agree? Discuss.
 3. Choose **one (01)** of the following processes and discuss its development and shortcomings.
 - a. Democratization of India, Sri Lanka, and Nepal
 - b. Nation-building in Pakistan, Bangladesh, and India
 - c. State formation in the Maldives, Bhutan, and Nepal
 4. Describe the concept of "Non-Alignment" and the evolution of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) while focussing on its function in modern international affairs.
 5. Outline the major determinants of Sri Lanka's foreign policy towards India.
 6. Examine the nature of the European Union's economic and political stance toward South Asia.
 7. Critically analyze the geopolitical issues that South Asia is facing today with a particular emphasis on China's Belt and Road Initiative.
 8. Explain SAARC's role in South Asian regionalism.
 9. Write short notes on **two (02)** of the following topics. (10x2=20)
 - a. Failures of SAARC
 - b. Terrorism and fundamentalism in South Asia
 - c. Political structure of the Indian constitution
 - d. Bilateral relations between India and Pakistan
 - e. Conflicts in South Asia

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