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POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Time: 1hr

Max Marks: 25

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SECTION-A

Q1. Arrange the following in chronological order: 1

- a) Soviet invasion of Afghanistan
- b) Fall of the Berlin Wall
- c) Disintegration of Soviet Union
- d) Russian Revolution

Answer- d) Russian Revolution (1917)

- a) Soviet invasion of Afghanistan (1979)
- b) Fall of the Berlin Wall (Nov 1989)
- c) Disintegration of Soviet Union

Q2. What event marked the official end of the Cold War? 1

- a) The signing of the Helsinki Accords
- b) The fall of the Berlin Wall
- c) The Cuban Missile Crisis
- d) The Korean War

Ans- b) The fall of the Berlin Wall

Q3. "Treaty of Maastricht" is related to the formation of 1

- a) European Union
- b) ASEAN
- c) SEATO
- d) CENTO

Ans- a) European Union

Q4. Who among the following adopted an 'Open Door' policy? 1

- a) China
- b) EU
- c) Japan
- d) India

Ans- a) China

Q5. Assertion (A): ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) has successfully resolved all territorial disputes among its member countries. 1

Reason (R): ASEAN has a policy of resolving conflicts through peaceful negotiations and consensus-building.

Options:

- a) Both A and R are correct and R is the correct explanation of A.
- b) Both A and R are correct but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- c) A is correct but R is wrong.
- d) A is wrong but R is correct.

Ans- d) A is wrong but R is correct.

Q6. Assertion (A): After a cold war, there was a rapid transition from a bipolar system to a unipolar system. 1

Reason (R): The collapse of Soviet power in Eastern and Central Europe and later the end of the USSR itself were the reason for the change into a unipolar system.

Options:

- a) Both A and R are correct and R is the correct explanation of A.
- b) Both A and R are correct but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- c) A is correct but R is wrong.
- d) A is wrong but R is correct.

Ans- a) Both A and R are correct and R is the correct explanation of A.

SECTION-B

Q7. What was Shock Therapy? 2

Answer- Shock Therapy was a painful process of transition from an authoritarian socialist system to a democratic capitalist system. This transformation system was influenced by the World Bank and the IMF in Russia, Central Asia and East Europe.

Q8. Why did the Soviet Union disintegrate? Highlight any two arguments in support of your answer.2

i. The Soviet political and economic institutions had developed internal weaknesses which defied people's aspirations and needs.

ii. Complementing the administrative stagnation, there was an economic stagnation which cut short the consumer demand and paved the way for the market failure.

Q9. What are the components of the ASEAN Vision 2020? 2

Ans: i. An outward looking role in international community.

ii. To encourage negotiations over conflicts in the region.

iii. To mediate to end the conflicts.

Q10. "The European Union is a nation state more than a Economic Union". Justify the statement.2

Ans: i. European Union has its own flag, anthem, founding date and common currency.

ii. European Union bears common foreign and security policy.

SECTION-C

Q11. Mention any three features that distinguish the Soviet economy from that of a capitalist country like the US. 3

Answer- • Soviet economy had a complex communications network, vast energy resources including oil, iron and steel, machinery production, and a transport sector that connected its remotest areas with efficiency.

• Soviet Union had a domestic consumer industry that produced everything from pins to cars, though their quality did not match that of the Western capitalist countries.

• The Soviet state ensured a minimum standard of living for all citizens, and the government subsidised basic necessities including health, education, childcare and other welfare schemes.

Q12. What are the economic challenges faced by China despite its economic development? 3

Answer: i. Unemployment has risen. About 100 million people are looking for jobs.

ii. Female employment and conditions are bad as in Europe of 18th and 19th centuries.

iii. Increasing environmental degradation and corruption.

iv. Rising economic inequality between rural and urban residents.

SECTION-D

Q13. What makes the European Union a highly influential regional organisation? 5

Answer: As a super national organisation, the European Union bears economic, political diplomacy and military influence as a regional organisation in the following manner:

1. Economic Influence:

(a) Three times larger share in world trade than the US.

(b) Its currency Euro, can pose a threat to the dominance of the US dollar.

(c) The EU functions as an important bloc in the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

2. Political and Diplomatic Influences:

(a) Two members of the EU, Britain and France hold permanent seats in the Security Council to influence the UN policies.

(b) The EU also includes various non-permanent members of the UNSC.

(c) The European Union play an influential role in diplomacy and negotiations except the military force i.e. the EU's dialogue with China on human rights and environmental degradation is remarkable.

3. Military Influence:

(a) The EU's combined armed force are second largest in the world.

(b) Its total expenditure on military is second to the US.

(c) Its two important members— Britain and France also experience nuclear ascends of 550 nuclear warheads.

(d) The EU is world's second most important source of space and communications technology.
