

University of Colombo- Sri Lanka

Faculty of Arts

Third Year Examination in Arts- Semester II- 2017/2018

INR 3255: Middle East and North African Politics

Time: **Two (02) hours**

Answer any **three (03)** questions.

1. Answer **both** sections

i) Briefly clarify the **two (02)** components of Geopolitics.

ii) What is the geopolitical importance of the Middle East and North African (MENA) region?

2. "The dissolution of the Ottoman empire left a power vacuum in the Middle East, which led to a constant power struggle". Critically analyze the above statement in relation to extra-regional influences on MENA.

3. "Resources of oil in the MENA region have been both a blessing and a curse". Discuss.

4. Write an essay on the wave of democratization in MENA region with special focus on:

i) Contributing factors

ii) Expansion and outcomes

5. Critically examine the rights of women in the MENA region.

6. Write short notes on any **two (02)** of the following:

i) Sykes-Picot Agreement

ii) Nation-building in Middle East

iii) Religious extremism

iv) Syrian conflict
