

University of Colombo – Sri Lanka
Faculty of Arts
Second Year Examination of Arts – Second Semester –2018/2019
INR 2238: Contemporary Issues in South Asia
Time: **Two (02)** Hours

Answer any **Three (03)** questions

1. Write a geopolitical introduction to the area study of South Asia with special reference to the following.
 - i. Geography
 - ii. Strategic opportunities in South Asia
 - iii. Extra regional powers

2. Explain the significance of the following to analyze the politics of South Asia.
 - i. Two Nations Theory
 - ii. Gujral Doctrine
 - iii. Neighborhood First Policy

3. 'River water sharing is one of the most serious and disputed issues faced by India and Pakistan.' Do you agree with the statement? Justify your answer.

4. Security of contemporary South Asia is challenged by traditional and non -traditional security threats. Critically examine the above statement.

5. Write a critical essay on the role of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) in addressing the common issues in South Asian region.

6. Write short notes on any **two (02)** of the following:
 - i. Nationalism and Mahathma Gandhi
 - ii. Kashmir conflict
 - iii. Dynastic politics in South Asia
 - iv. Doklaham issue
