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END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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INSTRUCTIONS

Answer **THREE [3]** questions in all

Answer Compulsory question in Section A
Answer any Two (2) questions from Section B

Start **each** question on a new page in your answer booklet

Credit will be awarded for logical, systematic and neat presentation

Write legibly

SECTION A

Question 1

During the past two decades or so, China has been emerging into the limelight of global economics, global science, and global politics. Having been consumed for nearly a century by the strains of internal and external troubles, the Asian giant is at long last assuming its rightful place in the global community of peoples. As a student of International Relations, explain the significance and relevance of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics as a comprehensive and innovative theory of development. [40 marks]

SECTION B

Question 2

In the midst of the political turmoil in the feudal kingdoms of ancient China, Confucius sought to bring order, justice, and harmony to society by offering his advice to a series of Princes. How important was Confucianism to Asian political thought and rule in both the classical and modern periods? Cite suitable examples. (30 marks)

Question 3

- a. What is the political significance of Ashoka's model of the Chakravartin ruler? (15 marks)

- b. What role does the religious gift play in the emergence of Hinduism under the Gupta dynasty?
(15 marks)

Question 4

Gandhi was a brilliant strategist of human conflict, the Napoleon of non-violence. Discuss. (30 marks)

Question 5

After the Meiji Restoration of 1868, Japan had adapted to the new industrial age by looking to the West not just for its technology but also for its principles of education, economic organization, and state building. Yet socially, culturally, and spiritually, the Japanese maintained strong continuities with their ancient traditions. Critically discuss the self-strengthening strategy of borrowing foreign ideas and adapting them to Japanese culture and social conditions. (30 marks)

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