

**DEPARTMENT OF WEST ASIAN AND NORTH AFRICAN  
STUDIES**

**FACULTY OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**  
**Syllabus for Ph.D Admissions Test 2022-23 onwards**

**SECTION-B**

**1 GEO-STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE OF WEST ASIA**

- 1.1 Oil & Strategic Significance of the Gulf
- 1.2 Oil & Gas - Major fields, Reserves & Production
- 1.3 Physical Features, Climate, Soil, Vegetation & Population.
- 1.4 Agriculture Expansion : Irrigation & Agrarian Reforms

**1. IMPERIALISM AND NATIONALISM IN WEST ASIA**

- 2.1 Mandate System
- 2.2 Rise of Nationalism in West Asia - Arab Nationalism, Arab Socialism
- 2.3 Zionism and the Formation of Israel
- 2.4 Ayatullah Khomeini & Islamic Activism in Iran (1979)

**2. POLITICS IN WEST ASIA**

- 3.1 The P.L.O. and the Palestinian Question
- 3.2 1967 Arab Israeli War, 1973 Arab Israeli War and Oil Embargo
- 3.3 Iraq -Kuwait Conflict and the Second Gulf War
- 3.4 Divergent Paths to Peace in West Asia: Camp David Accord, Madrid & OSLO Accord

**3. OIL & REGIONAL COOPERATION IN WEST ASIA**

- 4.1 The Economics of Oil and Gas
- 4.2 Basic Development Issues & General Economic Features of West Asia
- 4.3 OPEC in New Energy Environment
- 4.4 Regional Economic Groupings and India-West Asia Economic Relations

**THE ECONOMICS OF WEST ASIA**

- 5.1 Issue of Dutch Disease in West Asian Countries
- 5.2 The concept of Rentier Economy and the West Asian Economies
- 5.3 Exchange rate Policies in West Asian Countries
- 5.4 Stock markets in West Asia

**4. SOCIAL SYSTEM OF WEST ASIA**

- a. Society and Culture of West Asia
- b. Tribes, Ethnicity, Religions in West Asia
- c. Population, Diaspora and Migration Pattern of West Asia
- d. Social and Women Movement in West Asia