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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES - LEVEL III
FINAL EXAMINATION 2024/2025 (SEMESTER II)
DSU3541 – INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL POLITICS
DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY



Date: 16.08.2025

Time: 09.30 am – 12.30 pm

Instructions:

- Answer five (05) questions only.
- Read the questions very carefully and use examples where necessary to illustrate your answer.
- Please write in legible handwriting.
- All questions carry equal marks (20 marks).

1. Examine the core elements of Realism as a dominant theory in International Politics.
(20 Marks)
2. Discuss the main features of the state and analyze why the state is regarded as the central actor in international politics.
(20 Marks)
3. What is International Security? Define and critically examine the contemporary state of global security.
(20 Marks)
4. Evaluate the key concepts of Liberal theory and their relevance to contemporary international relations.
(20 Marks)
5. Women participation is underrepresented in international politics. Examine this statement using feminist theories in International Relations.
(20 Marks)

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6. Analyze the dynamics of the global economic inequalities in the contemporary world from a Marxist perspective.

(20 Marks)

7. Identify and analyze the main determinants of Foreign Policy, illustrating your answer with appropriate examples.

(20 Marks)

8. Discuss the challenges faced by small states in the evolving international system at present.

(20 Marks)

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

- I. Nuclear Polarization
- II. Multi-polar system
- III. Inter-Governmental Organizations (IGOs)
- IV. United Nation (UN) and the Security Council
- V. Power

(10 marks each)

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