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SSU2134 – POLITICAL ECONOMY



DURATION: 03 HOURS

Date: 03rd April 2016

Time: 1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Instructions

- *Answer five (05) questions. Each question carries equal marks.*

01. (a) Discuss the philosophical foundations for the study of International Political Economy (IPE)
 (b) Briefly explain how the two schools of thought differ in their approach to the study of IPE
02. (a) It is argued that open and integrated world markets can help maximize world welfare and individual national welfare. Explain this statement with reference to the concept of International Cooperation.
 (b) Briefly explain the role of International Institutions in promoting International Cooperation
03. (a) Discuss the factors that could determine the foreign economic policy preferences of a country
 (b) Briefly explain the key principles of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)
04. (a) Examine the rationale for Regional Trading Arrangements
 (b) Discuss the economic implications of regional integration
05. (a) Discuss the reasons for rapid private financial flows across different destinations after the 1970s.
 (b) Some argue that the US Dollar remains as a dominant currency even after the collapse of the Britton Woods System. Do you agree? Give reasons.
06. (a) Analyze the causes of International Financial Crises
 (b) Explain the policy options available for a country when dealing with financial crisis

07. (a) Describe the concept of Economic Globalization
(b) Discuss the forces that drive Economic Globalization
08. (a) Discuss the characteristics of a modern state as explained in the Westphalian model
(b) Discuss the views of the Globalists with regard to the nexus between globalization and state
09. Write brief notes on any **four (04)** of the following.
- (a) Non-aligned Movement
 - (b) Multinational Corporations
 - (c) Gold Standard
 - (d) Neo-statism
 - (e) SWIFT
 - (f) Beggar-Thy-Neighbor policy

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