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BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES (NEW SYLLABUS) – LEVEL 3
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2014/2015
SSU1241 – INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL POLITICS



DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)

Date: 14th March 2015

Time: 09.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Answer only five (05) questions. Each question carries 20 marks.

Use of examples to illustrate your answers would reward more marks.

01. Answer both parts of the question.
 - i. How do you understand the term ‘International Politics’?
 - ii. Do you think international politics can influence or affect domestic politics?

02. The state as a person of international law should possess several qualifications.
 - i. Identify the principal qualifications of a state according to the Montevideo Convention.
 - ii. What are the other salient features of a modern state? Identify **two (02)** and explain.

03. Realism is the dominant approach to explain international politics.
 - i. What are the differences between the central claims of classical realism and structural realism?
 - ii. How does Constructivism differ from Realism?

04. The American historian and political scientist Charles Tilly said “war made the state, and the state made war”.
 - i. According to your understanding which IR theory best corresponds with Tilly’s statement?
 - ii. How do dominant theories in IR address ‘War’ and ‘State’ in general? Explain using at least **two (02)** mainstream IR theories and with relevant examples.

05. Explain **two (02)** of the following concepts by using your understanding on the Marxist view on international relations. Use examples in your answers.
- i. War
 - ii. Imperialism
 - iii. Development
 - iv. International system
06. Why do feminists argue that international relations carry a masculine world view? Describe and explain the emergence of a gendered approach in International Relations.
07. In what aspects does the constructivist approach to International Relations differ from neorealist and neoliberal theories? Use examples to illustrate your answer.
08. Answer both parts of the question.
- i. How is Power defined in international politics?
 - ii. What are the different forms and dimensions of power?
09. Climate change poses a security threat to the life on the Earth.
- i. Identify the segment in security discourse that you could use to explain the above statement.
 - ii. Explain **two (02)** of the new security issues affecting the world. Illustrate your answer by using relevant examples.
10. Write short notes on any **four (04)** of the following.
- i. Democratic Peace Theory
 - ii. Dependency Theory
 - iii. Postmodernism
 - iv. International social movements
 - v. Nuclear proliferation
 - vi. Non-Aligned Movement
 - vii. Global economy
 - viii. Commonwealth Conference
 - ix. Global South