



**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**  
**EXAMINATION FOR MAY TO AUGUST 2016 FOR**  
**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & DIPLOMACY**

**RIR 1101: INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**DATE: 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2016**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

Students are NOT permitted to write on the examination paper during reading time.

This is a closed book examination. Text book/Reference books/notes are not permitted.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1 Write your REGISTRATION NO. clearly on the answer booklet(s).**
- 2 Answer question one (compulsory) and any other two.**
- 3 Questions in all sections should be answered in answer booklet(s).**
- 4 Marks allocated to each question are shown at the end of the question.**
- 5 PLEASE start the answer to EACH question on a NEW PAGE.**
- 6 For the questions, write the number of the question on the answer booklet(s) in the order you answered them.**
- 7 Write your answers in paragraph form unless stated otherwise.**
- 8 Keep your phone(s) SWITCHED OFF at the front of the examination room and NOT on your person.**
- 9 Keep ALL bags and caps at the front of the examination room and do not refer to any unauthorized material before or during the course of the examination.**
- 10 You are only allowed to leave the examination room 30minutes to the end of the Examination.**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO**
  - 2. WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN PARAGRAPH FORM UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE**
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**QUESTION 1: CASE STUDY (COMPULSORY 30 MARKS)**

The war on terror, the British vote to exit the European Union (Brexit), the violent conflicts in South Sudan and Syria and other emerging issues in International Relations have renewed the classical debate between liberalism and realism and their application in international relations today.

Use this case study to answer the following questions:

- a) Explain how the cases above illustrates the concept of anarchy in international relations **(4 marks)**
- b) Explain the theory that best explains the events mentioned in the case study. **(6 marks)**
- c) Use the cases above to illustrate the meaning of ‘liberal states engaging in illiberal actions’ **(4 marks)**
- d) Explain any TWO issues that illustrate criticisms against the concept of globalization. **(5 marks)**
- e) Given the events stated in the case study, mention TWO reasons why studying International Relations is necessary **(4 marks)**
- f) Using the case study critically examine the relevance of the statement that a state “possesses the monopoly over the legitimate use of force or violence” **(5 marks)**
- g) Explain any mechanism of balance of power being applied by states in the Syrian Conflict **(2 marks)**

**QUESTION 2 (20 MARKS)**

- a) Critically examine the realists assumptions about a state **(10 marks)**
- b) Using examples, explain the following as used in International Relations:
  - i. Sovereignty **(4 marks)**
  - ii. Insecurity Dilemma **(3 marks)**
  - iii. Actor **(3 marks)**

**QUESTION 3 (20 MARKS)**

- a) Discuss the relevance of Woodrow Wilson's programme for peace in international relations today (10 marks)
- b) Discuss any THREE main organs in the foreign policy of a country (6 marks)
- c) Analyze Kenya's intervention in Somalia using any TWO levels of analysis in international relations (4 marks)

**QUESTION 4 (20 MARKS)**

- a) Using examples describe any THREE sub-fields of International Relations (10 marks)
- b) Critically examine the statement that "the international system is more stable during unipolarity than multipolarity." (10 marks)

**QUESTION 5 (20 MARKS)**

Using examples, discuss what you consider to be the main issues influencing international relations today (20 marks)

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