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**Department of International Relations & Diplomacy.**

**SEPTEMBER- DECEMBER 2019 TRIMESTER**

**EXAMINATIONS FOR DIPLOMA OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS &  
DIPLOMACY**

**RIR 051: FOUNDATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**DATE: 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

Students are NOT permitted to write on the examination paper.

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 exam room 30 minutes to the end of the Exam.

**SECTION A: (COMPULSORY - 30 MARKS)**

**QUESTION ONE**

- a) Define the term 'International Relations' **(2 marks)**
- b) Explain three characteristics of a good theory **(6 marks)**
- c) Compare and contrast realism and Idealism **(12 marks)**
- d) Discuss five factors that contributed to the evolution and development of International relations. **(10 marks)**

**SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION TWO**

- a)
  - i. Explain the significance of the concept balance of power in the international system **(4 marks)**
  - ii. With examples explain ways in which equilibrium can be disrupted and restored in the international system **(8 marks)**
- c) Distinguish between soft and hard power **(4 marks)**
- d) In what ways do states benefit from the use of soft power? **(4 marks)**

**QUESTION THREE**

- a) Explain what the core principles of international relations seek to establish **(2 marks)**
- b) Using examples, explain the pros and cons of following terms:
  - i. The principle of dominance **(6 marks)**
  - ii. The principle of Reciprocity **(6 marks)**
  - iii. The principle of identity **(6 marks)**

**QUESTION FOUR**

- a) Describe three characteristics of a state according to Westphalia **(6 marks)**
- b) Using examples, discuss the challenges raised against the state by non-state actors **(14 marks)**

**QUESTION FIVE**

- a) Discuss four power capabilities a state must have in order to survive in the international system **(8 marks)**

b) Using relevant examples, explain the following terms from Thomas Hobbes (**9 marks**)

i). State of nature

ii). Leviathan

iii). Social Contract

c) Explain why sovereignty is important in the international system (**3 marks**)

#### **QUESTION FIVE**

a) Describe five ways in which the two World Wars of 1914-1918 and 1939-1945 changed the landscape of the international system. (**10 marks**)

b) Explain ways in which a leader's individual level of analysis can affect a state's reputation either negatively or positively (**10 marks**)