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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
EXAMINATION FOR SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER SEM 2019 FOR BACHELOR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & DIPLOMACY

RIR 201: FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS

DATE: 10TH DECEMBER 2019   **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 exam room 30minutes to the end of the Exam.

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) 30 MARKS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)
You are the Minister of foreign affairs in an African State. Your country is facing an external threat to its national security. You are required to make a decision to secure your border.

   i)   Identify the model of foreign policy decision making you would prefer and give reasons for the selection **(8 marks)**

   ii) From the model chosen in **(a),** provide a detailed account of the decision making process **(6marks)**

   iii) Explain the challenges of using the decision making process chosen **(6 marks)**

   a) Define any **5 (FIVE)** of the following concepts or terms in foreign policy analysis
   i.   Information screen   **(2 marks)**
   ii.   Interest groups   **(2 marks)**
   iii.   Affective Bias   **(2 marks)**
   iv.   Unipolar system   **(2 marks)**
   v.   Cognitive bias   **(2 marks)**
   vi.   Sovereignty   **(2 marks)**
   vii.   State actors   **(2 marks)**
   viii. Bounded rationality   **(2 marks)**

ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS (40 MARKS)

QUESTION TWO   (20 MARKS)

   a) Briefly discuss the major determinants of foreign policy behavior
                                                              (6 marks)
   b) Explain the relevance of realism in foreign policy analysis
                                                              (6 marks)
   c) Briefly examine any **FOUR** variables at the system level of analysis and how they influence foreign policy
                                                              (8 marks)

QUESTION THREE   (20 MARKS)

   a) Briefly examine the variables that influence foreign policy making within the state **(10 marks)**
   b) Based on Morgenthau's views on National Interest, explain using examples the 3 policies that can be pursued by a state to achieve its objectives **(10 marks)**

QUESTION FOUR   (20 MARKS)

a) Briefly explain the three paradigmatic works that built the foundation of foreign policy analysis

(8 marks)

b) Briefly discuss with examples the core or short range foreign policy objectives

(6 marks)

c) Using relevant examples examine the pillars foreign policy are based upon

(6 marks)

QUESTION FIVE   (20 MARKS)

Using examples examine the challenges to achieving foreign policy objectives states face when balancing domestic and international obligations

(20 marks)

OR

Discuss the **THREE** approaches to the study of foreign policy analysis **USING** case studies past or current**.**

(20 marks)