



Riara School of International Relations & Diplomacy

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RIR 428: AFRICA-CHINA RELATIONS

DATE: 9TH 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** and **ANY other TWO questions from section B and C.**

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.

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.

SECTION A: COMPULSORY (30 Marks)

QUESTION ONE

- a) Africa can offer homegrown solutions to its problems without looking to the “West” or “East”. Discuss **(10 marks)**
- b) The Belt and Road Initiative is the overarching vehicle for Chinese aspirations in the Global South and developing countries have by and large signed up to it. Illustrate any **Five** benefits that Africa can have from that initiative. **(10 marks)**
- c) The burgeoning scale of China’s lending, and institutional weakness within Africa, pose clear risks for small states being overwhelmed by debt. Discuss. **(10 marks)**

SECTION B: CHOOSE ONE QUESTION (20 MARKS)

QUESTION TWO.

- a) Is Africa changing China as much as China is changing Africa? With relevant examples, Explain. **(10 marks)**
- b) The impact of Chinese investment in Africa includes a possible environmental degradation. Discuss **(10 marks)**

QUESTION THREE

- a) In view of many formidable challenges, building the United States of Africa may seem an impossible task. Discuss **(10 marks)**
- b) China’s “no strings attached/ non-interference” policy, which has become a trope in its engagement with countries in Africa and globally, has begun to show some cracks, it need a rethought. With relevant examples, Explain **(10 marks)**

SECTION C: CHOOSE ONE QUESTION (20 MARKS).

QUESTION FOUR

a) China's activity in Africa has faced criticism from Western and African civil society over its business practices, as well as its failure to promote good governance and human rights. Discuss. **(10 marks)**

b) Africa-China relations: a Win- Win development or a new- colonialism? Discuss **(10 marks)**

QUESTION FIVE.

a) The impact of Chinese investment in Africa, include, job creation & possible environmental degradation. Discuss. **(10 marks)**

b) The battle for political and economic influence between the U.S. and China is playing out across Africa. What are the implications of China and USA rivalry to Africa? **(10 marks)**