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MAIN EXAMINATION

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FACULTY OF LAW

REGULAR PROGRAMME

GSL 102: INTRODUCTION TO REGIONAL INTEGRATION

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Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any TWO Questions

Q1.

(a) What is your understanding of the terms Regionalism and Regional Integration?
(5marks)

(b) In the journey towards establishment of the African Economic Community (AEC), numerous regional economic communities(RECs) have been established, each with a unique legal and institutional framework that is designed to meet its needs. In considering that these RECs are considered as building blocks towards an integrated Africa, how is this unique legal and institutional framework a strength and weakness towards integration of the continent.

(10 marks)

(c) In Africa, regional integration has been fashioned as the suitable vehicle for economic development. Resources have been committed towards this initiative both from internal and external sources. However, much still needs to be done to guarantee the intended gains from regional integration. Undertake a SWOT analysis of regional integration in Africa. Do you still believe that your country should continue to support regional integration?

(15 marks)

Q2. Briefly but clearly describe the History of Africa's Regional Integration Efforts. What lessons do we learn from the history of Africa's regional integration efforts? **(20 marks)**

Q3. Regional organizations (ROs) display significant variation in their institutional design. Some involve broad-ranging formal institutionalization; others are based primarily on informal networks. Some have powerful general secretariats with extensive competencies; others feature only small administrative units. Some have a diversified institutional architecture; others are fairly simple in their institutional organization. Some make decisions by consensus; others use majoritarian decision-making rules. Some appear to be relatively fixed in their institutional structure, while others change considerably over time.

(a) How can this variation in institutional structure be explained? **(10 marks)**

(b) To what extent do you think these variations affect the ROs ability to achieve collective goals? **(10 marks)**

Q4.

(a) The Treaty establishing the African Economic Community (the Abuja Treaty) establishes the six successive stages towards achievement of the African Economic Community. Briefly highlight the key milestones that have been achieved and what remains to be achieved as per the established stages. **(14 marks)**

(b) In your view, what needs to be done to achieve the envisaged African Economic Community within the envisaged timelines? **(6 marks)**

Q5. Regionalism in Africa can be understood and explained within the context of social constructivism theory and rationalist's theories of neorealism and neoliberalism. Evaluate the perspectives of this theories on Regionalism. **(20 marks)**

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