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EVENING PROGRAMME

MRI 505: THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF REGIONAL INTEGRATION IN AFRICA

Date: APRIL 2022

Duration: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any TWO Questions

Q1.

(a) Analyse and briefly explain the need to study the political economy of regional organizations in Africa? **(10 marks)**

(b) Undertake a SWOT analysis of regional organizations in Africa in line with the continental integration agenda as prescribed by the Abuja Treaty. **(20 marks)**

Q2. Considering the synthesis report on the study analyzing the political economy of the African Union and five Regional Economic Communities in Africa, *“The political economy of regional integration in Africa: What drives and constrains regional organisations?”* Jan Vanheukelom, Bruce Byiers, San Bilal and Sean Woolfrey (2016).

What does the future hold for Regional Integration in Africa?

(15 marks)

Q3. The state is considered the main actor in regional integration initiatives in Africa and elsewhere. However, non-state actors, such as private sector and civil society organizations, do play a role in regional dynamics, but their impact on regional organizations remains limited. Make an assessment on the involvement of non-state actors in regional integration in Africa. What is/has been their influence? **(15 marks)**

Q4. The overriding and most visible motivation for African countries to integrate has been the economic benefits i.e regional integration for development. Evaluate the political and security consequences for regional integration in Africa. What is the connection if any between the economic, political and security motives for regional integration in Africa?

(15 marks)

Q5. Africa's institutional landscape is defined by overlapping regionalism which occurs when countries commit to multiple regional organizations (ROs) that overlap in both members and mandates. In your view, how is this situation be considered both a curse and blessing to the African integration Agenda?

(15 marks)

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