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MAIN EXAMINATION

AUGUST – DECEMBER 2017 TRIMESTER

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES - HISTORY

REGULAR PROGRAMME

HST 507: HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Date: DECEMBER 2017

Duration: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer any FOUR Questions

- Q1. Compare and contrast between the realist and idealist theories of International Relations and their relevance to the study of modern international relations in the period from the late 19th century to date.
- Q2. Compare Prince Metternich and Otto Von Bismarck as career diplomats in Europe during the 18th and 19th centuries. What were their positive achievements and their failures?
- Q3. “The Concert of Europe or the Congress System only came into existence so as to maintain the status quo in Europe”. Comment on this statement.
- Q4. Is it true to argue that the European Alliance system of the 19th century was formed in order to maintain the balance of power among the European states?
- Q5. To what extent was the Eastern Question the result of the growing fear of Russia in Europe during the 19th century?
- Q6. How true is it to argue that the Cold War was mainly caused by the USA policy of containment against Russian communism in the post WW II era?
- Q7. Why has the African continent continued to play a marginal role in the unfolding system of modern international relations?

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