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REGULAR PROGRAMME

SPO 343: RELATIONS AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Date: APRIL 2018

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

- Q1. a) Describe the concept of Regionalism in terms of social, political and economic relations between member countries.
- b) Discuss and give an over-view of any **two** of the following regional communities of developing African countries:-
(i) East Africa Community (EAC)
(ii) Economic Community of West Africa States (ECOWAS)
(iii) Southern Africa Development Community (SADC)
(iv) The New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)
(v) Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).
- c) Regional blocks of developing countries are mostly structured as instruments for economic development and at other times they handle regional security. Discuss this observation in respect of the Republic of Somalia case in the Eastern Africa Region.
- d) Effects of dictatorships and bad governance amongst developing countries have adversely affected attainment of developed status of those countries. Do you agree? **(30 marks)**
- Q2. Developing countries are mostly guided by two major political theories as they relate among themselves; Realism and Idealism. Describe and discuss the two theories. **(20 marks)**

- Q3. Discuss the strained relationship between the Republics of Uganda and Kenya in respect of the Migingo Island saga and the effect of diplomacy in their good neighbourly relationship as major trade partners in the EAC region. Why have the two countries opted to co-operate and not to go to war? **(20 marks)**
- Q4. Discuss how the end of the Cold War in the international political system, which occurred with the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 reshape new strategies and approaches in relations of the developing countries on the one hand with the Western powers on the other. **(20 marks)**
- Q5. The Organization of African Unity (OAU) which has evolved to the current African Union (AU) has been described as a “talk shop” of heads of states and governments with no major contribution or effective role in the relationship amongst member states. Is this true? Discuss. **(20 marks)**

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