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**MAIN EXAMINATION**

**SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2020 TRIMESTER**

**FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**REGULAR PROGRAMME**

**BIR 103 INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**Date: DECEMBER 2020**

**Duration: 2 Hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions**

- Q1. (a)** The theory of realism has held a central position in explaining a wide range of international interactions between states both conflictual and cooperative. Discuss **{10 marks}**
- (b)** Discuss the powers and functions of United Nations General Assembly as per the Charter. **{10 marks}**
- (c)** By giving examples, critically examine the meaning of the following terms.
- (i) Hegemonic stability. **{3 marks}**
  - (ii) Balance of Power. **{4 marks}**
  - (iii) Multipolar system. **{3 marks}**
- Q2.** Using the levels of analysis and theories of war, explain the causes of conflicts among states. **{20 marks}**
- Q3.** The United Nations Security Council is responsible for maintaining international peace and security and for restoring peace when it breaks down. Discuss the functions of the Council and how it has achieved its mandate. **{20 marks}**
- Q4.** Give an account of the main Cold War events. **{20 marks}**
- Q5.** Critically examine the effectiveness of reciprocity and deterrence as a strategy of influencing an actor whose plans are not known. **{20 marks}**

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