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MAIN EXAMINATION

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FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

REGULAR PROGRAMME

SPO 241: INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Date: DECEMBER 2019

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Questions ONE and any other TWO Questions

- Q1. (a) How valid are Marxist's arguments in explaining external actor involvement in African conflicts. **(10 marks)**
- (b) Sun Tzu's first chapter advises rulers to accurately estimate their own power – ranging from money to territory to popular domestic support – and that of their potential enemies. "Know your enemy and know yourself", he wrote. Using power estimation give an account of the war between Iraq and Iran in 1980 and that of Iraq and the United States in 1991. **(10 marks)**
- (c) Critically examine the meaning of the following terms.
(i) International System. **(5 marks)**
(ii) Non-state actors. **(5 marks)**
- Q2. (a) Critically examine the effectiveness of reciprocity and deterrence as strategy of influencing an actor whose plans are not known. **(10 marks)**
- (b) Critically evaluate the main events during the Cold War and discuss how it impacted on the various regions of the world. **(10 marks)**

Q3. To understand the nature of international conflicts, including their potential for becoming violent, one must study the underlying interests and goals of the actors involved. Using conflicts of interest perspective, discuss the six causes of international conflicts.

(20 marks)

Q4. (a) Individual decision makers are the true actors in international relations. Discuss the three systematic ways in which individual decision making diverges from the national model.

(10 marks)

(b) How does complex interdependence inform inter-state relations?

(10 marks)

Q5. (a) Discuss the powers and functions of United Nations General Assembly as provided by the Charter.

(10 marks)

(b) Critically evaluate the meaning of the terms anarchy and sovereignty.

(10 marks)

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