



**STRATHMORE INSTITUTE
DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION
DIR 1102: FOUNDATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

DATE: 9th April 2019

Time: 2 Hours

Instructions

1. This examination consists of **FIVE** questions.
2. Answer **Question ONE (COMPULSORY)** and any other **TWO** questions.

QUESTION ONE: (30 marks)

- a) In the 17th Century, Political philosopher Thomas Hobbes emphasized the necessity of having a powerful, centralized political authority. Describe briefly his view of human nature, sovereignty of states and security dilemma. (6 Marks)
- b) Explain **three (3)** assumptions of Liberalism (6 marks)
- c) Marxism in International Relations was a reaction to Liberal Economic Theories.
 - (i) Explain **two (2)** arguments the Liberal economist theorists put forward. (4marks)
 - (ii) Marxism Theory is a Post-positivist theory. In your own words explain post-positivism. (2 marks)
 - (iii) Elaborate **three (3)** ways to reduce exploitation according to Marxism. (6 marks)
- d) Discuss **three (3)** ways in which Rational Choice Theory is linked to Realism. (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (15 marks)

- (a) Human rights are traditionally categorized into five. In your own words explain your understanding of these **five (5)** categories. (10 marks)
- (b) Identify **five (5)** Characteristics of Human Rights. (5 marks)

QUESTION THREE (15 marks)

Karl Marx theory was concerned about the economic exploitation of the workers by states and organisations.

- a) Explain **two (2)** instances of exploitation in International Organisations and Multinational Corporations. (4 marks)
- b) Describe any **five (5)** principle organs of the United Nations and their functions. (5 marks)
- c) Discuss **three (3)** merits and **three (3)** demerits of having an independent UN Standing army of peace. (6 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (15 marks)

- (a) Define Foreign Policy. (2 marks)
 - (ii) Mention **three (3)** key issues addressed in Foreign Policy Analysis. (3 marks)
- (b) Actors of foreign policy are usually divided into two categories: state actors and non-state actors. Discuss **three (3)** state actors. (6 marks)

(c) What are **two (2)** roles played by Interest groups and the public in the Foreign Policy of a country? (4 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (15 marks)

Terrorism is characterised by violence.

- (i) Explain the term 'terrorism'. (2 marks)
- (ii) Mention **three (3)** types of terrorist groups. (3 marks)
- (iii) Explain the **five (5)** areas in which globalization has improved the capabilities of terrorist groups. (10 marks)