



STRATHMORE INSTITUTE
DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION
DIR 1102 - Foundations of international relations

DATE: 15th August 2019

Time: 2 Hours

Instructions

1. This examination consists of FIVE questions.
2. Answer Question **ONE (COMPULSORY)** and any other **TWO** questions.
3. Do not write on the question paper.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms
- i) International relations **(1marks)**
 - ii) International society **(1marks)**
 - iii) Feudalism **(1marks)**
- b) The formation of the league of nations was backed by the beliefs of the opinion of Woodrow Wilson that the balance of power was actually the major cause of war. The League of nations was therefore based on the new principle of collective security rather than on a balance of power. Discuss the **SEVEN** main features/characteristics of collective power **(7 marks)**
- c) Discuss the theory of realism **(10 marks)**
- d) Write short explanatory notes on the theory of idealism **(10 marks)**

QUESTION TWO (15 MARKS)

- a) Define feminism **(1 mark)**
- b) Feminist IR theory also focuses on the complexities of gender as a social and relational construction, it also focuses on the rights of women, but including those of children and men as well. Briefly discuss the first **THREE** waves of feminism **(6 marks)**
- c) Feminism involves political and sociological theories and philosophies concerned with issues of gender difference, as well as a movement that advocates gender equality for

women and campaigns for women's rights and interests. Discuss **FOUR** types of feminism citing relevant examples **(8 marks)**

QUESTION THREE (15 MARKS)

3. (a) Define foreign policy. **(2marks)**
(b) Mention **THREE** key issues addressed in Foreign Policy Analysis **(3marks)**
(c) Actors of foreign policy are usually divided into two categories: state actors and non-state actors. Discuss Inter-governmental organizations. **(6 Marks)**
(d) What are **TWO** roles played by interest groups and the public in the foreign Policy of a country? **(4 Marks)**

QUESTION FOUR (15 MARKS)

- a) What is globalization? **(2 Marks)**
1. The international monetary fund (IMF), which was created to ensure a stable exchange rate regime and provision of emergency assistance to countries that were facing temporary crisis
 2. The International Bank of Reconstruction and Development (IRDB later called the World Bank) was created to facilitate private investment and reconstruction of Europe and development in other countries
- b) Internationalization, technology revolution, deterritorialization and liberalization are all aspects of globalization. Discuss these **FOUR** aspects citing relevant examples **(8 Marks)**
- c) Discuss the Mercantilist traditional approach to international political economy citing relevant examples **(5 marks)**

QUESTION FIVE (15 MARKS)

- a) The international play of economics and politics in the world affairs, is at the core of what usually drives and explains events of the world's economy. In view of this define the international political economy **(1 mark)**
- b) In 1944 policy makers gathered at Bretton Woods in the USA to consider how to resolve the great depression of the 1930's and how to rebuild the war-torn economies of the Europe. The **IMF** and **WORLD BANK** are Bretton Woods institutions, discuss the formation and functions of these institutions **(6 marks)**
- c) Discuss **FOUR** domestic determinants to foreign policy **(8 marks)**