



**STRATHMORE INSTITUTE
DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION
DIR 1206: CRITICAL APPROACHES TO FOREIGN POLICY**

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Time: 2 Hours

Instructions

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

QUESTION ONE – COMPULSORY QUESTION

Health has gained recognition as a foreign policy concern in recent years. Political leaders increasingly address global health problems within their international relations agendas. The confluence of health and foreign policy has opened these issues to analysis that helps clarify the tenets and determinants of this linkage, offering a new framework for international health policy. Yet as health remains profoundly bound to altruistic values, caution is required before generalizing about the positive outcomes of merging international health and foreign policy principles. In particular, the possible side-effects of this framework deserve further consideration.

The linkages between health and the global policy agenda are well established. Examples include global efforts to control communicable diseases such as avian flu, human immunodeficiency virus/ acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) and poliomyelitis; the pre-eminence of health among the Sustainable Development Goals; health trade and financing issues; and international law's growing recognition of these concerns through endorsement of the International Health Regulations. All these cases reflect the increasing focuses of relationship, discussion and negotiation of health matters between countries.

- a. Discuss, giving relevant examples, the health foreign policy of a country of your choice **(4 Marks)**

- b. Giving examples
 - i. Discuss **ONE** way how economic groups influence a nations foreign policy **(2 Marks)**
 - ii. Discuss **TWO** ways how cultural groups influence a nations foreign policy **(4 Marks)**

c. The president of a nation is a key actor of foreign policy. Discuss THREE points critiquing Africa's heads of states involving China in the infrastructure development of their nations
(6 Marks)

d. In highly democratic and developed countries, the people of the nation play a key role in determining the country's foreign policy. Discuss TWO illustrations of how this is evident
(4 Marks)

e. Decisions can also be conceptualized as impulse-driven (emotional) actions, ends-means (instrumental) actions or interaction-oriented (strategic) actions. Discuss with relevant examples
(4 Marks)

f. You are discussing with the Israel government on the possibility of expanding the security system of your country. In your capacity as Minister of Interior and Coordination of National Government, which THREE questions that you will ask (and why) to ensure that your country acquires a proper foreign policy on the countries security protocols?
(6 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

a. Discuss giving examples TWO policy making factors that influence a nation's foreign policy strategies?
(4 Marks)

b. Instead of focusing on organizations as actors that are competing over foreign policy goals, the bureaucratic politics model has a stronger focus on those within those organizations. The primary actor is not the state nor the organization, but the individual. Give THREE disadvantages of the bureaucratic politics model
(6 Marks)

c. i. Define the incremental decision making model
(1 Mark)

ii. State TWO advantages of this model
(4 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

a. Outline TWO assumptions of:

i. The Neorealism approach in foreign policy
(2 Marks)

ii. The Neoliberalism approach in foreign policy
(2 Marks)

b. There are three determinants of foreign policy for a state. Discuss giving examples TWO external factors that influence a nation's foreign policy strategies
(4 Marks)

c. Bureaucrats can influence foreign policy in a number of ways. Discuss
(3 Marks)

d. Discuss giving relevant examples the difference between One Shot Decisions and One Shot Interactive Decisions
(4 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

a. In regard to the African context:

- i. Discuss giving relevant examples THREE issues that augment a nation's foreign policy (3 Marks)
- ii. Sports, culture and arts is among the top priorities for the country. As the Minister of Sports, explain giving examples THREE opportunities that your Ministry has to capitalize on this sector (6 Marks)

b. Discuss the decision making process (4 Marks)

c. Discuss giving examples the difference between Unilateral and Negotiated Decisions (2 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

a. The RAM (Rational Actor Model) is the idea that a country makes its foreign policy in a rational way, by assessing the problem, weighing the advantages and disadvantages of different solutions, and choosing the most effective move. Discuss TWO positive attributes of this model (4 Marks)

b. Some of the programs instated by nations in Africa as part of its foreign policy strategies are successful yet some fail.

- i. In your opinion, give TWO examples of a foreign policy strategy implemented by a nation in Africa that succeeded (2 Marks)
- ii. Discuss TWO reasons why you think they were successful (4 Marks)
- iii. Give one example of a foreign policy strategy implemented by a nation in Africa that failed (1 Mark)
- iv. Discuss TWO reasons why you think it failed (4 Marks)