



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

DATE: 7th September 2021

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 (30marks)

- i. Foreign policy analysis allows us to better understand how political actors make policy decisions and how they relate to other foreign government and non-government entities. There are many foreign policy analysis models that are employed in decision making. Making reference to the works of Graham Alison, discuss three of such models. (5 marks each model)
- ii. In foreign policy analysis, one cannot do away with non-state actors. Explain how three non-state actors play a role in foreign policy decision making. (9marks)
- iii. Discuss two ways in which the non-state actors in (i) above are accountable for violations (human or environmental) in or out of the country they operate. (4marks)
- iv. Explain how diplomacy is a tool of foreign policy analysis especially in contemporary issues (3marks)

Question two (15marks)

Kenya won the United Nations Security Council seat as a non-permanent member. Kenya has been away from the highly coveted seat of the for 23 years, last serving as a non-permanent member between 1997-1998.

- i. Discuss four ways in which this seat/position is important for Kenya and by extension the region. (8marks)
- ii. Giving examples, discuss two ways in which other regions such as the European Union and the United States will benefit from such an arrangement (4marks)
- iii. Name the five permanent member of the UN security council (3marks)

Question three (15marks)

Thinking of different levels of analysis in International Relations means that the observer and analyst may choose to focus on the international system as a whole, parts of the system in interaction with each other, or some of its parts in particular. (*Carmen Gebhard*). Following this notion, elaborate on three levels of analysis in foreign policy decision making. (5 marks for each level)

Question four (15marks)

The finalization of the 2014 Kenya Foreign Policy marks a milestone achievement for our nation.

- i. Explain two pillars of Kenya's Foreign Policy. (4marks)
- ii. Discuss two frameworks in which Kenya envisions to implement its policy pillar (4marks)
- iii. Giving examples, discuss three ways that describe Kenya's relations with China (7marks)

Question five (15marks)

- i. A theory of international relations is a set of ideas that explains how the international system works backed up with concrete evidence. Scholars have written extensively on the theories basing their discourse on three main ones. Discuss any two of the theories of international relations. What are their general assumptions? (8marks)?
- ii. Africa is the second-largest and second most populous continent on earth with an estimated population in 2016 (World Population review). The continent is also rich in natural resources from precious stones to oil. Elaborate on how these factors are determinants of foreign policy formulation and decision making process (7 marks)