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BIS 2201: FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS

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Time: 08:00 – 10:00

Instructions

1. This examination consists of **Five Questions**.
2. Answer **Question ONE (COMPULSORY)** and any other **TWO** questions.
 1. a) Using a relevant case study, explain how foreign policy can be understood through the lenses of **constructivism** as a theory (10 marks)
 - b) With relevant examples, analyze any **three external determinants** of foreign policy (10 marks)
 - c) Focusing on any case that you are familiar with, assess the role of the **presidency** in Foreign Policy decision making. (10 marks)
 2. Recently in January 2022, the US envoy to the Horn of Africa Ambassador David Satterfield met President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya in Nairobi. After deliberations, Kenya and the US agreed to continue engaging the parties to the conflict in Ethiopia to achieve a speedy and pacific settlement. President Uhuru Kenyatta and Ambassador Satterfield also discussed the security situation in Sudan and Somalia.
 - a) **Peace Diplomacy** is one of the Key pillars of Kenya's foreign policy. Assess any **four domestic factors** that inform this orientation of Kenya's foreign policy. (10 marks)
 - b) Explain three reasons why the US is concerned about peace and security in Ethiopia and in the Horn of Africa region in general. (5 marks)
 3. Foreign policy analysis scholars contend that the international system is not static. New threats and opportunities keep emerging and shaping foreign policies of states. Since 2020, the world has been grappling with the COVID 19 pandemic. Using a realist approach discuss how the pandemic has shaped foreign policy behaviour of states.
 4. Using the **rational actor model** of foreign policy decision making critically analyze Kenya's decision to use its military in Somalia (*Operation Linda Nchi*) in 2011. (15 marks)
 5. In February 2022, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) ordered Uganda to pay 325 million US dollars to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in reparations related to the brutal conflict between the two countries from 1998 to 2003. Examine from a liberalist perspective, the DRC's foreign policy decision to take Uganda to the ICJ and its (*DRC's FP decision*) impact on relations between the two countries. (15 marks)