



**STRATHMORE INSTITUTE
DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION
DIR 1303: INTEGRATION OF AFRICA: CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS**

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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.
3. Do not write on the question paper.

QUESTION ONE

“East African Community (EAC) has contributed to the development of the region. However, it is worth noting there are existing barriers to the achievements of the main objectives of the Regional Economic Community (REC). The demise of the originating EAC led to the creation of the present East African Preferential Trade Area (PTA) involving countries in East and Central Africa. The PTA then morphed to what today is known as the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA). This is a free trade area with twenty-one member states. COMESA is in the process of having its structure and relevance tested as far as trade liberalization is concerned.

World Trade Organization (WTO) has assisted in enhancing intra-regional trade for the different regional bodies including EAC. WTO has several functions among them: to cooperate with other international organizations as set out in Article V of the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). It also provides an opportunity for dispute settlement in case of trade conflicts among its members. The Administrative structure of WTO provides clear guidance on where a member can seek appropriate assistance.

The large economy member states of WTO such as China are encouraged to participate in helping developing countries. China has been doing its best to help multilaterally, plurilaterally and bilaterally in areas such as capacity building.

- (a) Explain your understanding of the term REC (2 mark)
- (b) Provide any TWO objectives of EAC (2 marks)
- (c) Describe with relevant examples, TWO barriers to EAC’s competitiveness (6 marks)
- (d) Explain THREE favourable ways Article V of GATT encourages economic integration (6 marks)
- (e) Describe the functions of the panels and appellate body of WTO as far as dispute settlement between countries is concerned. (4 marks)
- (f) Explain the meaning of the terms multilateral, plurilateral and bilateral areas of capacity building between China and the developing countries, providing examples in EAC. (6 marks)
- (g) Describe any TWO objectives of COMESA.(4 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Explain your understanding of regional economic integration with specific emphasis on South African Development Community (SADC) (5 marks)
- (b) Discuss the five economic goals of regional integration (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

The East African Community (EAC) was originally formed in 1967 and dissolved in 1977 and was revived on 7th July 2000

- (a) Discuss the reasons for initial dissolution (5 marks)
- (b) Explain FIVE ways the customs union has revived trade within East Africa (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

The African Union (AU) has been instrumental in the eradication of poverty in Africa

- (a) Describe the structure of the AU (5 marks)
- (b) Discuss any FIVE achievements of AU in regional integration. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Economic Regional Integration and development are terms that are used inter-changeably.

- (a) Compare the two terms giving clear distinctions between them (5 marks)
- (b) Assess the mechanisms for economic integration and how they have brought about development in Africa (10 marks)