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**BIS 2204: GENDER, PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES**

**Date: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Time: 10:30 – 12:30**

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**Instructions**

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

**Question One**

- a) Women have for the longest time been underrepresented in political participation and leadership. With this in mind, raise three arguments to demonstrate the importance of women's participation in political leadership, and highlight three challenges that hold women back from seeking and staying in political leadership. (18 marks)
- b) Discuss any five recommendations of the UNSC Resolution 1325 (12 marks)

**Question Two**

- a) Explain three reasons that prompt women to actively participate in armed conflict. (7 marks)
- b) In as much as women participate in armed conflict and sometimes hold high positions, immediately the armed conflict is over, they face challenges reintegrating into the society. Discuss any two of these challenges, and for each challenge, suggest a solution. (8 marks)

**Question Three**

“From rubble, they rebuild. With singed scraps, they weave together the new fabric of a community, a country, and set wounds of conflict on the long journey towards healing. This is the work of women peacebuilders, leaders who work tirelessly to broker and keep peace and rebuild their societies” (UN Women, 2019). With this statement in mind:

- a) Offer an example of a county where women participated in post conflict reconstruction and demonstrate using three examples the specific role that the women played. (7 marks)
- b) Discuss any four reasons why women may not show up to participate in peacebuilding. (8 marks)

**Question Four**

- a) Realism is a long-standing major player in International Relations, and claims the throne in the field of security studies. Using the realist discourse:
- i. Discuss the characteristics of a state. (3 marks)
  - ii. Demonstrate how the realist world view defines security and threat. (4 marks)
- b) Using a gender scholars' perspective, raise four points to critic the realist view of security and threat. (8 marks)