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END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION
BIS 2201: FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS

Date: 7th March 2024

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 the realist approach to the understanding of foreign policy behaviour, critically evaluate Israel's military response to the October 7th 2023 attack by Hamas. **(20 marks)**.
 - b). Discuss the short comings of a realist approach to foreign policy **(10 marks)**
2. Focusing on the Bureaucratic Politics Model, assess the utility and limitations of decision-making models in maximizing our understanding of foreign policy behaviour. Cite relevant examples to illustrate your answer. **(15 marks)**
3. Using a case study of your choice, critically examine five systemic (external) attributes that influence the formulation and implementation of a country's foreign policy **(15 marks)**.
4. Focusing on any case that you are familiar with, critically assess the relevance of the three *Levels of Analysis* in maximizing our understanding of foreign policy. **(15 marks)**.
5. Using relevant examples, critically assess the role of the *President* in shaping the foreign policy of a state. **(15 marks)**