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**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES  
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

**BIS 1202: THEORY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**Date: Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Time: 08:00-10:30**

**Instructions**

This examination consists of **FIVE** questions.

Answer **Question ONE (COMPULSORY)** and any other **TWO** questions.

1. a). Confining your analysis on the *theoretical* underpinnings of the *realist approach* to international relations, critically assess the key factors that influenced the Kenya's military engagement in Somalia. **(20 marks)**  
  
b). Discuss the possible challenges associated with realism as an approach to the study of International Relations **(10marks)**.
2. Identify the three main levels of analysis and examine their relevance in the study of International Relations. Use relevant examples **(15 marks)**
3. Using *dependency theory* critically evaluate the range of answers that the theory would offer to the causes of war as well as the conditions under which peace could be achieved. Cite the relevant examples **(15 marks)**
4. Using relevant examples explain the relevance of constructivism in understanding the war and peace in International Relations **(15 marks)**.
5. Focusing your analysis on **Feminism** on a case study you are familiar with, assess the *strengths and weaknesses* of the theory in explaining International Relations.  
**(15 Points)**