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BIS 3104: AFRICAN STATES IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Date: 16th November, 2022

Time: 10:30 – 12:30

Instructions

1. This examination consists of **FIVE** questions.
2. Answer **Question ONE (COMPULSORY)** and any other **TWO** questions **from section B**
3. Write your answers in paragraph form; avoid use of bullets or numbering your points

SECTION A (30 MARKS) Answer ALL questions

Question ONE

- (a) Morgenthau argues that “Africa did not have a history before the World War 2; it was a politically empty space” (*Politics Among Nations, 1973*). Assess this statement in relation to the relevance of international relations theories in understanding African states in global affairs. (10 marks)
- (b) Critically analyze the statement that “*the African states are considered problematic because they were granted juridical independent statehood without fulfilling the empirical statehood.*” (10 marks)
- (c) Discuss the significance of **THREE** goals of Pan-Africanism to African states in international relations. (10 marks)

SECTION B: Answer TWO questions

Question TWO

Using examples evaluate the significance of the change from Organization of African Unity (OAU) to African Union (AU) in Africa’s engagement in international affairs. (15 marks)

Question THREE

Citing relevant examples, assess the influence of the rivalry between emerging powers and the Western powers on the participation of African states in international relations. (15 marks)

Question FOUR

Using relevant examples critically analyze the statement that '*in global governance, African states are either seen as positive contributors or as a world burden.*' (15 marks)

Question FIVE

Citing current examples, discuss the strategies that African states can adopt so as to achieve their interests in a globalized world. (15 marks)