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**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION
BIS 2201: FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS**

DATE: 20th March 2025

TIME: 13:30 – 15:30

Instructions

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

1. a). Using appropriate examples explore the effects of *decision environment* in foreign policy decision making process. **(20 marks)**.

b). Discuss the weaknesses of rational actor model (RAM) as an approach to foreign policy decision making **(10 marks)**
2. Using the recent withdrawal of the United States from the World Health Organization as your case study, critically examine the role of *the president* in shaping a country's foreign policy **(15 marks)**.
3. Critically examine *groupthink model* as an approach to foreign policy decision making. Provide relevant examples. **(15 marks)**
4. Focusing on any case that you are familiar with, critically assess the relevance of the *system level* of analysis in explaining foreign policy analysis. **(15 marks)**.
5. Using *constructivism* as your theory of focus, explain Israel's military response to the October 7th 2023 attack by Hamas **(15 marks)**