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DIPLOMA IN DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

COURSE CODE: DIRL 010

COURSE TITLE: FOUNDATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

DATE: 4 APRIL 2017

TIME: 8.00 AM – 11.00 AM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. SECTION A IS **COMPULSORY**.
2. SECTION B: ANSWER ANY OTHER **THREE** QUESTIONS.
3. **DO NOT** WRITE ANYTHING ON THIS QUESTION PAPER AS IT WILL BE AN EXAM IRREGULARITY.
4. ALL ROUGH WORK SHOULD BE AT THE BACK OF YOUR ANSWER BOOKLET AND CROSSED OUT.

CAUTION: All exam rooms are under CCTV surveillance during the examination period.

SECTION A (COMPULSORY)

Question 1

Broadly, International relations, concerns the relationships among world governments; these relationships are interdependent in nature as no state can live in isolation.

- a. Define the term actors as used in international relations (2mks)
- b. Define the term hegemony giving a relevant example (2mks)
- c. Briefly outline the major dimensions attributed to hegemony. (5mks)
- d. Discuss the three main elements of the modern state (6mks)
- e. Power is one of the most crucial elements in international politics. Outline the three aspects of describing power. (6mks)
- f. The English School or society of states approach views three different dimensions and observe how they balance and interact with each other. Explain the three dimensions. (6mks)
- g. Briefly explain the meaning of the democratic peace theory and explain two ways on how it works. (6mks)
- h. To effect change in the international system, the idealism concluded that: “Wars are not good so they are not wanted”. They aimed at achieving a just system. Briefly outline ways in which this could be achieved. (5mks)
- i. What is neo realism? (2mks)

SECTION B

Question 2

- a. Discuss any five methods of achieving Balance of Power (10mks)
- b. Explain the methods that can be employed in achieving national interest (10mks)

Question 3

- a. Explain the five elements that are used to assess power in international relations. (10mks)

- b. Critique the democratic peace theory. (10mks)

Question 4

- a. Hans Morgenthau considered as the “chief priest” of the realist theory of international relations set forth six principles. Discuss these principles of realism (12mks)
- b. Explain the nature of international relations (8mks)

Question 5

- a. Discuss the different types of national interest giving relevant examples. (12mks)
- b. Since the international system has many actors involved at once there are several levels of analysis that assist in giving explanations of international events. Briefly discuss the four levels of analysis (8mks)

Question 6

- a. Discuss any five ways in which power can be exercised. (10mks)
- b. Discuss the two classifications of actors giving relevant examples where applicable (10mks)