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NHEC331: ARGUMENTATION & DEBATE

END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This paper contains **TWO** sections (Section A and Section B).
 2. Section A is **COMPULSORY**.
 3. Answer **ANY TWO (2) questions** from Section B.
 4. Start each question on a new page in your booklet.
 5. Credit will be awarded for logical, systematic and neat presentation
 6. Do not repeat material.
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SECTION A (COMPULSORY)

INSTRUCTION: *Answer Question 1.*

Question 1

Read the following passage and answer the question which follow:

Regional Cooperation and Integration: Building a Stronger Future

Regional cooperation and integration are essential for promoting economic growth, stability, and peace in Africa. The African Union (AU) and regional economic communities (RECs) have made significant progress in promoting regional cooperation and integration. Regional cooperation and integration involve countries within a specific geographic area working together to achieve common goals such as economic growth, political stability, social development, and environmental sustainability. By coordinating policies and pooling resources, nations can address shared challenges more effectively, enhance trade, promote peace, and improve the overall well-being of their populations. Integration can take various forms, including trade agreements, infrastructure projects, security partnerships, and cultural exchanges. Regional cooperation and integration offer numerous benefits, including increased economic efficiency, improved infrastructure, and enhanced regional stability. Building a stronger future through regional cooperation requires overcoming obstacles like political differences, economic disparities, and historical tensions. Success depends on trust, mutual benefits, transparent governance, and sustained commitment by all member states. As globalization increases interdependence among nations, regional cooperation and integration provide a strategic platform for collective strength and resilience.

- (i) Based on the text above, present a case for and against regional cooperation and integration as a tool to promote economic growth and development in Africa? [20 marks]
- (ii) How can regional cooperation and integration enhance regional stability [10 marks]
- (iii) What is needed to promote effective regional cooperation and integration? [10 marks]

SECTION B

INSTRUCTION: *Answer ANY TWO (2) questions.*

Question 2

Define the concepts argumentation and debate fully using appropriate illustrations. [30 marks]

Question 3

Compare and contrast the approaches to argumentation and debate of two ancient Greek philosophers, such as Plato and Aristotle. [30 marks]

Question 4

Identify the different types of argumentation and show how you would apply them in a debate using suitable examples. [30 marks]

Question 5

Imagine you are part of a debate team discussing the ethics of artificial intelligence. How would you approach the topic, and what arguments would you present for or against AI development? [30 marks]

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