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INSTRUCTIONS

This paper contains **TWO** sections (A and B).

Section A is **COMPULSORY**.

Answer **ANY TWO (2) questions** from Section B.

Start each question on a new page in your booklet.

Do not repeat material.

SECTION A

Question 1

Using classic theories of development, is underdevelopment an internally or externally induced phenomenon? **[40 marks]**

SECTION B

Question 2

“Colonialism was based on exploitation, which took the form of collecting taxes, mobilizing people for labor, or forcing them to plant cash crops” (Muui, 2010, p. 1313). Comment on this assertion. **[30 marks]**

Question 3

Assess the arguments for and against encouraging foreign direct investment in African countries. **[30 marks]**

Question 4

Deliberate on the assertion that, “More recently, when developing countries acquiesced in Structural Adjustment Programmes, external actors have had more power over the running of the society than the State itself” (Hobden, 2008, p. 72). **[30 marks]**

Question 5

As an International Relations scholar, comment on the claim made by the Commission for Africa’s *Our Common Interest* that issues of good governance and capacity-building are at the core of all of Africa’s problems **[30 marks]**

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