



COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES & EDUCATION

HIR 421: LAW AND POLITICS

END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 7 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer **ONE (1)** question only.

Attempt **ALL** sections of the question.

Credit will be awarded for logical AND systematic presentations.

Question 1

Robust coercive apparatuses have long been credited with maintaining the Middle East's authoritarian regimes, and the 2011 'Arab Spring' uprisings confirmed their centrality. In Tunisia and Egypt, the military abstained from using force against protesters, while in Syria and Bahrain, militaries defended leaders against mass mobilization with brutal force. In Yemen and Libya, militaries fractured, with some portions remaining loyal to the leader while others defected.

How does the comparative politics literature on the role of the military in domestic politics, and more specifically on the relationship between the role of the military and the success of revolutions, help to explain these divergent outcomes?

[100 marks]

Question 2

Discuss the relationship between democracy and economic development, on one hand, and the relationship between constitutionalism and democracy on the other. In what ways might they be connected?

[100 marks]

Question 3

What is the idea of a social contract, and what is it supposed to do for political theory? Use the leading philosophers and their philosophical treatises to underpin your argument.

[100 marks]

End of Paper