



COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES & EDUCATION

IRD1202: EUROPEAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer **THREE [3]** questions in all

All questions carry equal marks

Start **each** question on a new page in your answer booklet

Answer compulsory question Section A

Answer any Two (2) question from Section B

Credit will be awarded for logical, systematic and neat presentation

Write legibly

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

Question 1

A prominent African academic argues that all mainstream IR theories are fundamentally irrelevant to solving African problems. Utilizing realism, explain why the academic might hold this view **[40 Marks]**

Question 2

Synthesize the arguments of idealism to explain the enduring influence of European political thought on contemporary African international relations **[30 Marks]**

Question 3

Your country is considering joining a new trade agreement heavily promoted by the European Union, which promises market access but requires significant deregulation of the local financial sector. Using a Marxist Theory perspective, argue whether this agreement represents a genuine partnership or a new form of economic imperialism that benefits the European core at the expense of the African periphery **[30 marks]**

Question 4

Examine the contributions of mainstream Feminist International Relations Theory and Afro-feminism in shaping the global gender agenda. In your answer, discuss how strategies such as gender mainstreaming and nego-feminism offer value in addressing gender inequality in international relations. **[30 marks]**

Question 5

Evaluate the significance of systems theory in providing insights into the African Union System. **[30 marks]**

The End