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TITLE OF PAPER : **INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS**

COURSE CODE : **L 503**

TIME ALLOWED : **THREE (3) HOURS**

INSTRUCTIONS :

- 1. ANSWER ANY FIVE (5) QUESTIONS. MARKS ALLOCATED TO A QUESTION INDICATE THE TIME TO BE SPENT ON THE ANSWER**

- 2. REFER THROUGHOUT TO LEGAL AUTHORITY TO SUBSTANTIVE YOUR STATEMENTS.**

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QUESTION 1

Discuss critically the nature of the United Nations (UN) as an international organisation and its relationship with other agencies and organisations. [20]

QUESTION 2

In promoting and maintaining international peace and security, both the Security Council (SC) and the International Court of Justice (ICJ) have an important role to play.

In the light of the above statement, write an *essay* in which you compare the nature and role of the SC with that of the ICJ. [20]

QUESTION 3 (ANSWER EITHER A OR B)

A

Comment critically on the work of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and the effects of trade liberalisation in developing countries. [20]

OR

B

Discuss the nature and purpose of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and its tripartite system. [20]

QUESTION 4

Critically analyse and evaluate the following statement in the light of the challenges facing the new African Union (AU).

“The Organisation of African Union (OAU) was an organisation that served the people of Africa; it recognised the sovereign equality and territorial integrity of all its members and promoted stability, peace and co-operation within the African region. However, it cannot be denied that during its time some of the worst forms of human rights atrocities and internal conflict took place - events that left the OAU virtually powerless and without any effective means to address and solve these problems.” [20]

QUESTION 5

The AU committee on infrastructure and development appoints you to prepare a *legal opinion* on the structural differences between the AU system and the European Union (EU) system. In your opinion you must also indicate the possible advantages and disadvantages of following a system based on that of the EU in Africa. [20]

QUESTION 6 (ANSWER EITHER A OR B)

A

International organisations are legal persons whose activities are governed by law. In general terms the sources of their legal obligations establishing the parameters within which their activities may be lawfully carried out, may be divided into two broad categories: the “rules of the organisation” and “external law”.

In the light of the above statement, write an *essay* in which you examine the law governing the activities of international organisations. [20]

OR

B

Membership of international organisations are governed by law but may vary widely according to a number of factors such as, political, technical or the level of integration.

In the light of the above statement, write an *essay* in which you examine the legal requirements and consequences of membership. [20]

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