

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, 2011 (SUPPLEMENTARY)

TITLE OF PAPER : INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

COURSE CODE : L503

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS
ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

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QUESTION ONE

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Due to the problems that beset the OAU, African leaders chose to create a new organisation, the AU. The core objectives of the AU evidence a commitment by African leaders not only to tackle the key economic and social issues facing the continent, but also to improve the AU relative to the weaknesses that crippled the OAU. Write a brief on whether the AU has succeeded in creating a better organisation with the AU.

(25 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

Swaziland is a member of a multiplicity of regional organisations, some of which have similar objectives. Outline the advantages and disadvantages of this multiple membership.

(25 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

“International organisations are legal persons whose activities are governed by law, including obligations under general rules of international law, under their constitutions, and under international agreements”. (Bowett’s Law of International Institutions, Sands and Klein 2001:441)

Discuss.

(25 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

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One of the main principles of the United Nations (UN) is the respect for member countries' sovereignty. Discuss the effect of this principle on the activities of the UN.

(25 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Compare and contrast the Southern African Development Community (SADC) with the East African Community (EAC), with particular focus on the objectives of each organisations as well as the extent to which each has fulfilled its mandate.

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