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Title of Paper: International Relations

Course Code: PA 301

Time Allowed: Three (3) Hours

Instructions: Answer four (4) questions in total: One (1) question from section A and three (3) questions from Section B

All questions carry equal marks of 25 each

Section A

Answer the following question

- 1 Identify and discuss the key actors in international relations today. In your answer, highlight the strategies used by the actors to pursue their goals.

Section B

Answer three (3) questions

- 2 Identify and discuss the main features of the international system. In your answer, highlight the place of the state in that system.
- 3 "The various governments of independent states are in a state of nature towards each other" (Locke). What are the ramifications of this for world order?
- 4 "Seen over the long term, realism is the dominant theoretical tradition in IR. Why?" (Jackson and Sorensen)
- 5 Critically assess the analytical value of idealist theories in understanding international politics today. Illustrate your answer with relevant examples.
- 6 What are the effects on developing countries of integration into the global economy?
- 7 Critically discuss the challenges of reforming the UN Security Council.
- 8 Identify and discuss the key features of Swaziland's foreign policy