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TITLE OF PAPER:

AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

COURSE CODE:

POL302

TIME ALLOWED:

TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTION:

1. ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS, ONE FROM

EACH SECTION

2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

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SECTION A

- 1. Critically examine the counter arguments against the conventional International Relations (IR) views on Africa.
- 2. The dominant discourses of International Relations discipline discount the agency of African states. However, this denial has been challenged by critics. Critically examine the arguments behind this challenge.
- 3. Realists contend that the state's duty is to pursue the national interests defined as power, security and wealth. Discuss the realist foundations of the engagements between Africa and the Great Powers.

SECTION B

- 4. Discuss the impact of the colonial state on the development of African International Relations.
- 5. Critically assess the assertion that since independence many African ruling elites have prioritized group preferences over the specific interest of the state they represent, and have usually prioritized group harmony and solidarity when dealing with each other at the international level [Tieku, 2012].
- 6. Discuss the tactical or strategic alliances between Africa and the rest of the Global South.