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Instructions

Answer any TWO questions.

ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS

Question 1

Critically analyse developments in the political economy of Africa since World War II in relation to changes in the global political economy over the same period. Locate your discussion within a chronological framework of events or circumstances that have shaped the nature of change in successive decades. [50]

Question 2

The 'developmental state' is generally considered as a driver of the modernity project. Nonetheless, it is also seen as a means of compelling postcolonial states to follow a neoliberal path towards development. Discuss the criticisms of the developmental model that has been pursued in Africa with reference to the outcomes. [50]

Question 3

With reference to the various continental plans that have been agreed on by the OAU and then the AU, explain how these have been undermined by both external and internal factors. [50]

Question 4

Discuss the nature of corruption, the form it assumes and the levels at which it occurs according to the hypotheses of Ekeh, De Sardan and Fanon respectively. [50]

Question 5

Critically analyse the relationship between resources and the escalation in conflict and instability in northern and central African states, explaining why this has intensified since the 'Arab Spring' of 2011. [50]

TOTAL: 100