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DEGREE EXAMINATIONS

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Time : 3 hours

Subject : HIS505/505E

Paper : A Special Theme on International Relations

Marks : 100

Instructions: Students must answer THREE (3) Questions.

This paper consists of three (3) pages including the cover page

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Instructions

Answer only THREE (3) Questions from this paper

1. Discuss the origins of the Cold War and outline its main phases with reference to the most prominent episodes in international relations during the period 1945 to 1990. (33½)
2. Discuss the events around the decolonization of the British Empire in South Asia and its division into the modern states of India and Pakistan. (33½)
3. With particular reference to examples of British colonies in western, eastern and southern Africa, discuss the decolonization process and outline the problems experienced by the newly created countries after their independence. (33½)
4. Explain how the debt of 'Third World' countries increased rapidly from the late 1960s onward. Outline the 'Structural Adjustment Programs' that were imposed by World Bank and International Monetary Fund on insolvent countries from the 1980s onward, and discuss their effects on 'Third World' economies and societies. (33½)
5. Steve Smith and John Baylis have outlined the four theories that have dominated the study of International Relations during the twentieth century. While reflecting on the origins, evolution, and purpose of international relations as a separate field of study during the twentieth century, critically discuss the strengths and weaknesses of each of these theories. (33½)
6. Discuss either, **how or why**, the Second World War had ended an existing international order and brought about a new period in International Relations. (33½)
7. The study of International Relations during the twentieth century was dominated by a theory known as "realism." Examine the ways in which the Palestinian/Israeli conflict can highlight the realist notion of anarchy in international relations. (33½)
8. Chose an international organisation or system of treaties, which united separate nations, and then discuss the purpose, structure, and activities of that association during the Cold War. (33½)
9. Critically discuss the ways in which the nuclear arms race have come to influence international relations during the second half of the twentieth century. (33½)

10. Analyse the political, technical and economic causes of the recurring and increasingly severe global financial crises of the decades from the 1990s onward. Outline the social and economic effects of these crises, and assess the measures with which governments tried to contain them.

(33½)

11. Examine the internal and external factors behind the outbreak of civil war in an African country post-independence.

(33½)

12. Choose an African country, which attained its independence only after 1970 and examine the reasons why decolonisation became protracted and complex in this particular country.

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13. Write an essay in which you outline **either** the Congo Crisis (1960 – 1966) **or** the Suez Crisis (1956) while highlighting the relationship between the respective African leaders and international powers during the crisis.

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