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HISTORY DEPARTMENT

**A Special Theme on International Relations
HIS505/HIS505E**

DEGREE EXAMINATIONS

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Subject: History HIS505/HIS505E

Marks: 200

**This paper consists of 2 (TWO) pages including the
cover page**

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INSTRUCTIONS

Students must answer TWO (2) Questions from this Paper

1. In their textbook, *The Globalisation of World Politics*, Steve Smith and John Baylis have discussed how four theories 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 each of these theories. (100)
2. The Second World War (1939 – 1945) was one of the most significant moments in global history. Discuss **either how or why** this war ended one international order and created a completely new one. (100)
3. To what extent can nuclear weapons technology and the nuclear arms race, be seen as an arbiter of International Relations? Discuss in reference to key events of the Cold War from 1945 until 1989. (100)
4. a) **EITHER:** Examine the role of insiders and outsiders in creating or contributing to the Arab/Israeli conflict during one key moment of the crisis.
b) **OR:** “The Arab-Israeli conflict is not old. It has not been going on for centuries or since ‘time immemorial’.” Do you agree/disagree with this statement? Using the readings, critically discuss the reasons for your answer. (100)
5. Assess and examine the ambiguities facing African leaders after independence, in their efforts to address poverty and inequality in their respective countries. (100)
6. “The Cold War was one of the defining, if not the most defining, feature in international relations in the period 1945 to 1990.” Do you agree? Discuss with reference to the origins, as well as the most visible episodes of the Cold War in the stated period. (100)
7. Discuss the involvement of the CIA in the Congo after 1960. What impact would this have on the country? (100)
8. 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. (100)
9. 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. (100)