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**International Relations of African
States**

MAIN EXAMINATIONS

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Time: 3 hours
Subject: POL 526 (Honors).
Marks: 100



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Instructions

Answer any **FOUR** questions

Your answers must **VERY DETAILED**.

1. While there is great optimism about the potential benefits of the new China-Africa co-operation, some observers are also skeptical about China's increasing financial presence in Africa in recent years. Using suitable examples suggest reasons for this growing skepticism. [25].
2. (a) Elaborate on how the emigration of professionals from Africa affects the economic development of the continent and to what extent remittances by migrant workers can assist in economic development of any given country? [25].
3. Using suitable examples, critically analyse the contention that the International Criminal Court has inappropriately targeted Africa leaders. [25].
4. ✓ Addressing the 2019 first South African Digital Economy Summit in Johannesburg, President Cyril Ramaphosa noted that: 'Given what we know today about the potential beneficial impacts of the 4th Industrial Revolution, we must embrace this historic confluence of human insights and engagement, artificial intelligence and technology, to rise to the challenges of poverty, unemployment and inequality.' Argue for and against this statement considering the potential benefits and risks associated with the 4th Industrial Revolution on African countries in relation *to the education, retail, banking and other related sectors of the economy and society*. [25].
5. According to Al-Jazeera (2015) 'Thousands of Africans put their lives at risk as they go on a boat journey [to Europe] in search of what they think would be a better and easier living. It is a journey that begins with hope, but often ends in despair.' Discuss this observation in light of the contemporary transnational Africans' migration to Europe, focusing in particular the risks, tensions and policy debates this type of irregular migration has generated between Africa and Europe. [25 marks].
6. ✓ Identify and comment on any 6 of USA President Donald Trump's Executive Orders that countries in Africa and the rest of the Global South should continue to be worried about during his second term in office. [25 marks].
7. ✓ Share your thoughts on the implications/ impact of USA President Donald Trump's abovementioned Executive Orders on South Africa considering the historically complex and frosty US - South Africa relations from time immemorial [25 marks].
8. Using suitable examples, discuss the negative and positive effects of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) by multinational companies. In your view, can Foreign Direct Investment, as currently structured, help to promote economic growth in Africa? [25].
9. The *Economist* Magazine dubbed Africa the 'hopeless continent' and 'the hopeful continent' in 2000 and 2011 respectively.

- (a) Identify the factors that initially led the magazine to describe and label Africa in such a stereotypical manner, akin to the prevailing notion in the West that Africa is a dark continent? [12].
- (b) “What evidence did the article provide to support the claim that Africa was a hopeful continent in 2011? In 2025, do you think we can still be so optimistic?” [13].



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