



ICM

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Instructions to candidates:

- a) Time allowed: Three hours (plus an extra ten minutes' reading time at the start – do not write anything during this time)
 - b) Answer any FIVE questions
 - c) All questions carry equal marks. Marks for each question are shown in []
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1. Human rights issues have been a central feature of international relations over the last 50 years. Explain the concept of human rights and review how nation states have addressed this issue since the 1960's. [20]
 2. Explain what **globalisation** is and compare and contrast this concept with **regionalisation** and **internationalisation**. [20]
 3. World politics has attracted the attention of political theorists through the ages. Analyse the following theories that have been used to explain world politics:
 - a) Realism [7]
 - b) Marxism [7]
 - c) Liberalism [6]
 4. Security is widely recognised as being a contested concept. Analyse the reasons for this. [20]
 5. Some of the most challenging issues in global society, such as extreme poverty and climate change, feature highly on the agenda for countries and international organisations. Comment on whether or not you consider that an international society of sovereign states is able to resolve such issues as extreme poverty and climate change. [20]
 6. The Bretton Woods framework established following World War II is widely recognised as being successful in avoiding the repetition of the economic problems of the first half of the twentieth century. Explain how the framework achieved this. [20]
 7. Regimes as a concept have an important role in the field of international relations. Review:
 - a) the meaning of the term **regimes** in the context of the international system [5]
 - b) the following regime types, giving examples of each:
 - i security regimes
 - ii environmental regimes
 - iii economic regimes [15]
 8. Analyse the concept of political globalisation, identifying its key elements and features. [20]