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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

MIR 532: GLOBAL PEACE AND SECURITY STUDIES

EXAMINATION PAPER

TIME: 3 HOURS

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INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question **Number 1** which is **compulsory** and any other two questions.

Each question carries 100 marks

Candidates are expected to use relevant examples and cases in answering essay questions

1. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:

The core objective of the Strategic Indicative Plan for the Organ on Defence, Politics and Security, or SIPO, is to create a peaceful and stable political and security environment through which the region will realise its objectives of socio-economic development, poverty eradication, and regional integration.

The Strategic Indicative Plan for the Organ on Defence, Politics and Security is key the implementation framework for the Protocol on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation (1999). This Protocol is based on the over-arching Objectives and Common Agenda of SADC as stated in Article 5 of the SADC Treaty, and is directly linked to the Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP), which is considered to be the blueprint for development in the region.

Essentially, in planning for development in the SADC region, policy makers must consider that an enabling environment of peace security are required for regional integration and development to take place. Economic growth and development cannot be realised in conditions of political intolerance, security and absence of the rule of law.

1. a) Grounding your answer in regional international relations literature, briefly discuss the philosophy underlying the Strategic Indicative Plan for the Organ on Defence, Politics and Security in the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC). (20)
- b) Assess the strengths and or limitations of the Strategic Indicative Plan for the Organ in relation to peace and security dynamics in the SADC region. (50)
- c) Present a paper to the SADC Executive Secretary outlining proposals for the strengthening of the Organ on Defence, Politics and Security Cooperation in the region. (30)
2. What is the main idea behind the philosophy Responsibility to Protect (R2P)? Using one case study from any African country, assess the challenges of the doctrine of the Responsibility to Protect.
3. Evaluate the effectiveness of the African Union Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) in peacekeeping and peacebuilding on the continent.
4. Debate the notion that the world is now a multipolar system and the implications on global peace and security.
5. Critique the role of International Non-Governmental Organisations in providing human security during violent conflict.

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