

BINDURA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE EDUCATION
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES
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MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

THEORIES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: MIR 523

JUN 2025

EXAMINATION PAPER

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer question **ONE** and any **TWO** questions

Each question carries 100 marks

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

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1. Using the realist theory predict the possible implications of Vladimir Putin and Benjamin Netanyahu's actions in the global world.
 2. As a liberal feminist deconstruct the realist views on women.
 3. Explain the different positions by States on Israel's attacks on the Gaza strip, how has this been an affront on the neo-liberal theory?
 4. Discuss the reasons for the recurrence of military coups in the Sahel region.
 5. Examine the view that the Dependency theory has become impracticable as a strategy in the contemporary global era.

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1. The most pressing foreign policy problem we face is to identify the circumstances in which we should get actively involved in other people's conflicts. Non-interference has long been considered an important principle of international order. And it is not one we would want to jettison too readily . . . But the principle of non-interference must be qualified in important respects. Acts of genocide can never be a purely internal matter." (Blair 1999)
 - a) In light of the above, discuss the significant difference between Non-interference and responsibility within United Nations Peacekeeping Operations. (40)
 - b) Using specific case studies, debate the complexities of the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) as a post-Westphalian Peacekeeping approach. (60)
2. Assess some of the major achievements of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
3. Examine the major differences between the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the African Union characterisation of a refugee. (100)
4. With reference to Sustainable Development Goal Number 16, assess Zimbabwe's chances of meeting the set targets by 2030.
5. Critique the impact of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) in shaping the continental economic agenda in the 21st century.

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