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PROGRAMME

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS DEGREE IN ECONOMICS

EC204 (1): INTERNATIONAL TRADE THEORY AND POLICY

DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- (i) Answer any four questions
- (ii) All questions carry equal marks
- (iii) Start each answer on a fresh page
- (iv) Show all workings where applicable.

QUESTION 1

With the aid of a diagram, discuss how different forms of Exchange Rate affect the Balance of Payments.

[25 Marks]

QUESTION 2

Explain the following concepts of international trade:

(a) Comparative Advantage

(12 Marks)

(b) Absolute Advantage

(13 Marks)

[25 Marks]

QUESTION 3

Explain the features of a Balance of Payments.

[25 Marks]

QUESTION 4

Discuss the implications of having a current account deficit and current account surplus in an economy. [25 Marks]

QUESTION 5

Discuss the ways in which a government might attempt to reduce a current account deficit. [25 Marks]

QUESTION 6

Discuss the case for and against a government introducing protectionist measures to protect an industry. [25 Marks]

END OF EXAMINATION