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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES
SECOND SEMESTER, 2023/2024
(JANUARY-APRIL, 2024)

BADS 105: REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

STREAM: Y1 S2

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY: FRIDAY, 12:00 – 2:00 P.M.

DATE: 05/04/2024

INSTRUCTIONS

1. *Do not write anything on this question paper.*
2. *Answer Question ONE (compulsory) and any other TWO Questions.*

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

- (a) Define the concepts of regions, regionalism, regionalisation, and regional integration. (8 marks)
- (b) Describe how regionalism, regional integration and regionalisation relate to each other within the context of international relations and development. (9 marks)
- (c) using examples illustrate how economic, social, political and cultural factors contribute to or hinder the process of regional integration. (13 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Explain how the challenges and opportunities differ between small states and larger entities in promoting regional integration. (10 marks)
- (b) Illustrate how economic factors such as trade agreements, common markets, and economic disparities influence the decision-making process and outcomes of regional integration initiatives in small states. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE

(a) Discuss how functionalist and institutionalist theories of regional integration conceptualise the process of regional integration.

(10 marks)

(b) Explain the challenges posed by conflicts within regions and how they impact the process of integration.

(10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

(a) Demonstrate how economic/trade agreements foster regional cooperation and economic growth.

(10 Marks)

(b) Discuss the role of conflict resolution mechanisms in addressing regional tensions and promoting peace within integrated regions.

(10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

(a) Explain the applications of regional peacekeeping efforts and cooperation frameworks aimed at addressing political tensions and promoting peace and stability.

(10 Marks)

(b) Describe how regional integration initiatives promote economic growth and investment within member states.

(10 Marks)