



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
2020_2 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: INR 386

COURSE TITLE: Theories of International Relations

CREDIT UNIT: 3

TIME ALLOWED: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTION: Answer any 4 questions

1. a. List the conditions that must necessarily be present within a state that will ensure order is maintained and violence is prevented. (5Marks)

b. Identify and discuss at least four subject areas of international relations. (12.5 Marks)
2. Differentiate between the historical and descriptive approaches to the study of international relations. (17.5 Marks).
3. a. Identify some of the reasons given for the construction of theories. (7.5 Marks}

b. Explain some of the assumptions of liberal theorists of international relations (10 Marks)
4. Examine the core arguments of the neo – realist school of thought and state how it differs from the realist school. (17.5 Marks)
5. a. What are the techniques used in foreign policy formulation? (6 Marks)

b. Discuss the techniques of balancing the power situation in international relations (11.5 Marks)
6. Identify and discuss the strategies for peace in the international system. (17.5 Marks)