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2025_2 EXAMINATIONS_

COURSE CODE: ESM 301

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO CONFLICT RESOLUTION

CREDIT: 2 Units

TIME ALLOWED: 2 Hours

Instruction: Attempt question number ONE (1) and any other TWO (2) questions. Question number one (1) carries 30 marks, while the other questions carry (20) marks each.

QUESTION 1

- (a) How relevant is the Marxist conflict theory in Nigeria's society today? **(6 marks)**
- (b) Give a succinct definition of urban conflict **(6 Marks)**
- (c) Explain briefly the concept of Political conflict **(6 Marks)**
- (d) Identify two types of Economic conflict and explain their characteristics **(8 Marks)**
- (e) How is Crime against Peace defined by the Charter annexed in an agreement of 8th of August 1945? **(4 Marks)**

QUESTION 2

- (a). List and explain five forms of Oil Related Conflicts **(10 marks)**
- (b). Assess gas flaring as an environmental problem. **(5 marks)**
- (c). Identify the basic assumptions of the social historian DeTocqueville **(5 marks)**

QUESTION 3

- (a) Explain the basic steps in conflict analysis. **(7.5 Marks)**
- (b) How is conflict dynamics important to the analysis of conflict. **(5 marks)**
- (c) Briefly explain the cooperative process of conflict resolution characteristics as enshrined in Heitler (1990). **(7.5 Marks)**

QUESTION 4

- (a) Discuss the meaning of Conflict Transformation **(6 marks)**
- (b) Briefly explain conflict management and the Early Warning System of Conflict Management **(10 Marks)**
- (c) Outline the compositions of early warning system (EWS) **(4 marks)**

QUESTION 5

- (a). Explain Oil as a conflict commodity **(5 Marks)**
- (b). Would you say oil spillage affects the environment? Justify your answer **(5 Marks)**
- (c). Highlight major causes of population displacement in some parts of Nigeria **(10 marks)**