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2023_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: PCR419

COURSE TITLE: INTERNATIONAL POLITICS OF THE COLD WAR

CREDIT UNIT: 3

TIME ALLOWED: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTION: Answer any 4 questions. If a student answers more than four questions, mark the first four and disregard the remaining. Each question carries an allocation of 17.5 marks. Total score is 70.

1. a. Explain the concept of détente 7.5 marks
b. Write briefly on the Sino-Soviet Split, the Berlin wall, Cuban missile crisis and Vietnam War as cold war events that precipitated détente (10 marks)
2. “Anarchical world of international politics allows countries to pursue their strategic self-interests as far as their power would allow them.” Discuss (17.5 marks)
3. Discuss the following concepts in relation to the cold war era
 - A. Arms Race (5 marks)
 - B. Nuclear Arms Race- (5 marks)
 - C. Mutual Assured Destruction- (7.5 marks)
4. Attempt a comparative analysis of Marshall Plan and Molotov Plan (17.5 marks)
5. A. The military strategy of the Warsaw Pact as envisioned by the Soviet Union was to inflict rapid and decisive defeat of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Discuss the functions and goals of the pact. (10 marks)
b. The Cold War was a manifestation of tension as a result of several overwhelming factors. Discuss? (7.5 marks)
6. a. The Berlin Wall symbolized the Iron Curtain between the Western Europe and the Eastern bloc. Explain? (10 Marks)
b. What are the immediate effects of the Berlin Wall (7.5 marks)