



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA  
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES  
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE  
SEPTEMBER 2020\_1 EXAMINATION**

**COURSE CODE: INR 386**

**COURSE TITLE: Theories of International Relations**

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3 Hours**

**Units: 3**

1. What is international relations? (5marks)
  - b. Carefully delineate the scope of international relations (12.5marks).
2. Define approaches to the study of international relations? (3marks)  
Identify and discuss those approaches (14.5marks).
3. Explore the usefulness of realism as an analytic toll in the study of contemporary international relations (17.5marks).
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  - a. Outline and explain the key tenets of liberalism (10 marks).
  - b. Compare and contrast the theories of liberalism and neo-liberalism in the study of international relations (7.5marks).
5. Explain the major tenets of power theory (7.5 marks).  
Explain the Patterns or Techniques of Balancing the Power in the international system (10marks).
6. Explain the theory of Globalism or transnationalism (10 marks).
  - a. Evaluate its analytic utility in the face of the resurgence of the nation state in contemporary international relations (7.5 marks).