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TITLE OF PAPER

: INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

COURSE CODE

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TIME ALLOWED

:THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

:ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS

ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

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QUESTION ONE

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) member countries face many social, economic and political challenges. Critically discuss any three of the various cooperation measures undertaken by SADC to address these challenges.

(25 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

The New Partnership for Development (NEPAD) is a pledge by African leaders based on a common vision and a firm and shared conviction that they have a pressing duty to eradicate poverty and to place their countries, both individually and collectively, on a path of sustainable growth and development.

Critically discuss the vision, mission and objectives of NEPAD, its plan of action, and whether this plan differs in approach and strategy from all other plans and initiatives of Africa's development.

(25 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

The United Nations' Charter confers on the Security Council "the primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security". Members of the United Nations have agreed that the Council acts on their behalf and thus as the agent of all the members and not independently of their wishes.

In light of the aforegoing, comment critically on:

- a) The power and effectiveness of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace; and (15 Marks)
- b) The composition of the Security Council as an agent, acting on behalf of the members of the United Nations. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Comment critically on the tripartite system of the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

(25 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

The African Union has been referred to as "the same old lady in a new dress". Critically evaluate this statement.

(25 Marks)