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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

One of the principles of the African Union as provided in Article 4 (g) is non-interference by any member state in the internal affairs of another. In light of this provision, critically discuss the role of the African Union in solving conflict.

(25 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

The principal topic for debate for the July 2007 African Union summit held in Accra, Ghana was the creation of a union government with the aim of moving towards a United States of Africa. Considering the fact that states jealously guard their sovereignty, do you think that such aspirations can ever be realised?

(25 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

Following the recent Presidential and Parliamentary elections in Zimbabwe, the opposition party, the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) claimed that they won the election. The ruling party stated that there should be a re-run of the elections because there was no outright majority win as required by that country's Constitution. Zimbabwe is a member of both the African Union (AU) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC), and the opposition has approached both the AU and SADC for assistance. Advise the MDC accordingly.

(25 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Discuss the nature and role of both the Security Council and the General Assembly of the United Nations.

(25 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Some countries which were members of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa withdrew their membership from that organization on the grounds that their membership in COMESA was a duplication of their membership in SADC. Critically analyse.

(25 Marks)