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TITLE OF PAPER :LAW OF INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

COURSE CODE :L503

TIME ALLOWED :THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS :ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS
ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

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Question one

The European Union (EU) has been touted as the standard-setter in regional integration. It has even been suggested that other regional integrations in their creation seek to emulate the EU. Regional integration efforts in Africa have the professed intention of attaining a deeper level of integration, much like that which exists in the EU.

Discuss the above fully, making reference to ECOWAS and any one other African regional organisation. In your answer discuss the different levels of integration from the lowest to the highest.

(25 Marks)

Question two

The United Nations (UN) and the African Union (AU) were formed in the wake of the disbandment of their predecessor organisations. The intention was to create more relevant organisations more suited to prevailing realities. It has however been contended that there really is no meaningful difference between these 'new' organisations and their predecessors, and that all that has changed is the name of the organisation.

Critically discuss.

(25 Marks)

Question three

There are several theories that have been forwarded to explain international organisations. Some see international organisations as being brought about by states as equals to achieve certain common goals of the member states; others see them as tools of the more powerful states to achieve specific goals which might coincide with those of less powerful states; and yet others state that states are merely a front for epistemic societies within them and that it is these societies that hold the reigns.

Critically examine this statement.

(25 Marks)

Question Four

Critically evaluate the adjudicative bodies of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).

(25 Marks)

Question five

International organisations, as well as certain specialised agencies within international organisations have had a considerable normative impact.

Analytically discuss, giving at least three IOs/specialised agencies as examples.

(25 Marks)