



UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

MAIN EXAM 2020

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS AND IR: POLITICS 3A (POL3AA3/PTS3A11)

EXAMINATION: JUNE 2020

TOTAL MARKS: 100

DURATION: 3 DAYS

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Please take care to read the instructions below before attempting to answer the Exam questions:

1. This is a take home exam and you will have 3 days to complete it.
2. Answer TWO questions, ONE per section. Each question is worth 50 marks.
3. Word limit per question is 500 words (excluding the reference list.) References are required. If you want to quote an author specifically then do not use more than 1 quote per essay and keep the quote short +-25 words. Remember to use "inverted commas" when quoting directly.
4. Do not plagiarise. Plagiarism is a serious offence and the university views it in a serious light. All take home tests must be loaded via Turnitin first and the Turnitin receipt be emailed to the lecturer as part of the exam submission. Although only similarities below 15% will be marked this does not excuse any smaller evidences of high similarity with texts. Paraphrase fully.
5. There is no prescribed minimum or maximum number of sources required to complete this exercise
6. All essays must be submitted ONLY in Word format and the submission should be emailed directly to kkondlo@uj.ac.za on a due date to be announced on blackboard announcements
7. Be sure to check your spelling, grammar and punctuation before making a submission

SUBMISSION DATE: TO BE ANNOUNCED ON BLACKBOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECTION A: APPROACHES TO INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

QUESTION 1:

Discuss the main weaknesses with the traditional threefold categorization of approaches to international political economy.

QUESTION 2:

How do the notions of centre, periphery and semi-periphery illuminate an understanding of 'development' and 'underdevelopment' in global political economy?

SECTION B: GLOBAL TRADE, FINANCIAL & MONETARY SYSTEM**QUESTION 3**

Is the multilateral economic order on the brink of collapse – evaluate the impact of the 'US-China Trade War' and the Coronavirus pandemic on the multilateral economic order.

QUESTION 4

Explain what the term 'currency war' infers and discuss the implications of 'currency wars' on the US dollar's position as a world currency.

QUESTION 5

Discuss how political economists have analyzed the post 1980 'liberalization of finance capital' and its impact on global markets.