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SP214 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (WEIGHT 2)

Time allowed: Two Hours

Answer TWO questions. There are six questions on this paper.

1. Which of the theories discussed in this class best describes the form and functions of the United Nations? Please explain your choice fully.
2. International Relations theory has gone through a series of developments since the early part of this century. Can you describe the general trend of these developments and how they have coincided with major events in modern international history?
3. Discuss Realism as a theory. Please point out both its strengths and weaknesses.
4. Discuss Liberal Internationalism (idealism/utopianism) as a theory. Please point out both its strengths and weaknesses.
5. What do the United Nations (UN), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank) and the World Trade Organisation (WTO - formerly the GATT) have in common.
6. Describe how the theory of Functionalism and/or Neo-Functionalism can be applied to the creation and development of the European Union.