



(University of Choice)

**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(MMUST)**

MAIN EXAMINATION

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

**FOR THE DEGREE
OF
MASTER OF ARTS DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

COURSE CODE: MDS 816

COURSE TITLE: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DEVELOPMENT

DATE: TUESDAY, 19-12-2023

TIME: 2:00 -5:00

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ATTEMPT QUESTION **ONE** AND ANY OTHER **THREE**

TIME: 3 Hours

MMUST observes ZERO tolerance to examination cheating

This Paper Consists of 3 Printed Pages. Please Turn Over.

QUESTION ONE

- a) Describe the essence of international relations in the global economy. (10 marks)
- b) Outline the various actors and their role in the political economy of a developing nation. (10 marks)
- c) Describe “national sovereignty” and highlight the significant factors that may hinder the sovereignty of transitioning country. (10 marks)
- d) Highlight the key functions of diplomacy in international relations. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO

Sub-Saharan Africa as a region faces various threats of insecurity and terrorism.

- a) Discuss the emerging cases of insecurity and their socio-economic impact. (10 marks)
- b) Identify the various international and domestic mechanisms for promoting peace and security in the region. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE

Development partnerships are crucial for Kenya’s goal towards universal healthcare. Discuss the role of specific international and domestic development partners and highlight the various financial instruments that can be adopted to achieve this target. (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

As a Political Analyst, present a critical analysis of the foreign relations policy of a selected transitioning economy, with appropriate recommendations. (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Critically evaluate the Liberalism and Realism theories by highlighting their implications towards foreign policy in a Sub-Saharan economy. (20 marks)

QUESTION SIX

Foreign direct investment plays a strong role in international relations and domestic policy. Critically discuss, using clear examples, the welfare impacts of multinationals to a developing economy, with appropriate recommendations. (20 marks)