



# **MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY**

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS  
2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR  
THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE  
AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

**COURSE CODE: PSA 311**

**COURSE TITLE: THEORIES OF INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONS**

**DATE: 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2018**

**TIME: 0830 - 1030HRS**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Question **ONE** is compulsory (30Marks)
- Answer any other **TWO** questions

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1. With examples, use the following three theories of international relations to explain a **single** international event or occurrence of your choice.
  - i) Realism **(10 Marks)**
  - ii) Neo-realism **(10 Marks)**
  - iii) Constructivism **(10 Marks)**
  
2. Discuss the underpinning premises in the liberalist school of thought **(20 Marks)**
  
3. A) Give the meaning of the term “theory” and mention its four assumptions **(5Marks)**  
B) Explain five underlying assumptions of the Marxist theory **(15Marks)**
  
4. ‘In International politics we use three widely accepted levels of generalization (or abstraction) to help understand highly complex problems in world politics’. Mention and use them to contextualize the concept of ‘power’ in comprehending international relations from the contending points of views of; Realism, Idealism and Marxism schools of thought. **(15Marks)**
  
5. Analyze the relevance of Neo-Liberalist and Neo-Idealism in understanding cooperation and conflict in international relations. **(20Marks)**

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