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Second Semester FYUGP Degree (Reg/Sup/Imp) Examination April 2026

KU2DSCHIS109/ - UNDERSTANDING CONTEMPORARY WORLD HISTORY

2024 Admission onwards

Time : 2 hours Maximum Marks : 70

Section A

Answer any 6 questions. Each carry 3 marks.

1. Define a multinational company (MNC) and explain the key characteristics that distinguish it from a domestic company.

2. Evaluate the role of international institutions like OPEC in managing global oil production and pricing in the post-Cold War period.

3. Explain the meaning of "apartheid" and how it was implemented as a system of racial segregation in South Africa.

4. Discuss the political and economic factors that led to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and the subsequent Gulf War.

5. Write a note on Zionism.

6. Name three specialized agencies affiliated with the UN and their areas of focus.

7. Analyze the relationship between the UN Secretariat and the other principal organs, highlighting the role of the Secretary-General.

8. Discuss the significance of the Truman Doctrine in shaping U.S. foreign policy during the Cold War.

Section B

Answer any 4 questions. Each carry 6 marks.

9. What were the key factors that contributed to the wave of decolonization in Asia, Africa, and Latin America following World War II

10. Describe the key figures and organizations that led the struggle against Apartheid, including Nelson Mandela and the African National Congress (ANC).

11. Evaluate the significance of the Oslo Accords in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the role played by Yasser Arafat in negotiating them.

12. Evaluate the impact of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on Japan, including the immediate and long-term consequences.

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13. How did the Cold War tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union contribute to the Cuban Missile crisis?

14. When did the Vietnam War begin? How did the Vietnam War contribute to the Cold War tensions?

Section C

Answer any 2 questions. Each carry 14 marks.

15. Analyze the key events that solidified the bipolar world order during the Cold War, including the Truman Doctrine, the Berlin Blockade, and the Cuban Missile Crisis.

16. How has globalization facilitated the spread of ideas, information, and cultural practices across borders? Discuss the potential benefits and drawbacks of this phenomenon.

17. What is India's role in NAM? How did Jawaharlal Nehru contribute to the development of the Non-aligned Movement?

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