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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. Discuss the different methods and strategies employed by colonized nations in their fight for independence.
2. To what extent did decolonization lead to the creation of new political and economic power dynamics on the global stage?
3. Name three specialized agencies affiliated with the UN and their areas of focus.
4. What was the primary goal of the Marshall Plan?
5. Do you think the Truman Doctrine was successful in preventing the spread of communism? Explain your reasoning.
6. What was the role of Nelson Mandela in African National Congress?
7. Explain the meaning of "apartheid" and how it was implemented as a system of racial segregation in South Africa.
8. What were the primary reasons behind Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, triggering the Gulf War?

Section B

Answer any 4 questions. Each carry 6 marks.

9. Evaluate the impact of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on Japan, including the immediate and long-term consequences.
10. What are the main organs of the United Nations and their primary functions?
11. What were the main goals of the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan?
12. What were the key factors that contributed to the wave of decolonization in Asia, Africa, and Latin America following World War II
13. Explain the events that led to the 1991 Gulf War, including Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and the international response.

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14. Examine the challenges faced in implementing the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC).

Section C

Answer any 2 questions. Each carry 14 marks.

15. Evaluate the role of ASEAN in promoting economic integration within Southeast Asia, including the establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and its impact on trade and investment.

16. Explain the reasons why the New International Economic Order largely failed to achieve its intended goals, considering factors like internal divisions among developing countries and the changing global economic landscape.

17. Compare and contrast the perspectives of other scholars who have engaged with these theories, such as Francis Fukuyama's critics and alternative interpretations of Huntington's "Clash of Civilizations."

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