



ZCAS University

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND POLICY

SEC5192 INTERNATIONAL TRADE INSTITUTIONS

**MID SEMESTER EXAMINATION
THURSDAY, 26TH OCTOBER 2023**

16:30 – 19:30 HRS

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS (plus 5 minutes to read through the paper)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Section A: Question One in Section A is compulsory.
2. Sections B: Answer Two (2) questions from this section.
3. This question paper carries a total of 100 marks.
4. Candidates must not turn this page until the invigilator tells them to do so.

SECTION A: Question 1 is compulsory and must be attempted

Question 1

From the early days of the Silk Road to the creation of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and the birth of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), trade has played an important role in supporting economic development and promoting peaceful relations among nations.

Trade and foreign policy have been intertwined throughout history, with foreign policy often tailored to promote trade interests. In the 3rd century BC, during the Han Dynasty, China used its military power to maintain the Silk Road for its value for trade. In the year 30 BC, Rome conquered Egypt in large part to have a better supply of grain. *(An extract from SEC 5191 Lecture Notes)*

Required:

(a) Identify and state two (2) main roles of the WTO in liberalizing trade. [10 Marks]

(b) List the major achievements of the WTO during its over 20 years of existence. [12 Marks]

(c) At the heart of the WTO are the 6 principles. Identify and list the said principles. [12 Marks]

(d) State and list 8 main activities of the WTO. [16 Marks]

(Total: 50 Marks)

SECTION B: Attempt any TWO questions in this section

Question 2

The United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1966 (Resolution 2205(XXI) of 17 December 1966). In establishing the Commission, the General Assembly recognized that disparities in national laws governing international trade created obstacles to the flow of trade, and it regarded the Commission as the vehicle by which the United Nations could play a more active role in reducing or removing these obstacles. *(An extract from SEC 5192 Lecture Notes for 2023)*

Required:

(a) State the mandate of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law. [4 Marks]

(b) Identify and list 8 activities that UNCITRAL undertakes in order to give effect to its mandate stated in (a). [16 Marks]

(c) State the membership of UNCITRAL and how they are selected.

[5 Marks]

(Total: 25 Marks)

Question 3

Write brief notes on the following:

(a) WTO's Dispute settlement;

[5 Marks]

(b) The Doha Round;

[5 Marks]

(c) Generalized System of Preferences;

[5 Marks]

(d) Market Access Map; and

[5 Marks]

(e) Mandate of UNECA.

[5 Marks]

(Total: 25 Marks)

Question 4

The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA or ECA; French: *Commission économique pour l'Afrique*, CEA) was established in 1958 by the United Nations Economic and Social Council to encourage economic cooperation among its member states (the nations of the African continent) following a recommendation of the United Nations General Assembly. ECA is one of five regional commissions.

Required:

(a) State the reason(s) why UNECA was established?

[4 Marks]

(b) Briefly discuss the focus for UNECA.

[9 Marks]

(c) Identify and list 7 thematic areas of UNECA's focus discussed in (b).

[12 Marks]

(Total:25 Marks)

END OF THE MID SEMESTER EXAMINATION