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HISF12: Foundation History Two

Time Allowed: Three Hours (Reading Time: An additional 10 minutes)

Instructions:

- Answer all questions in Section A (Definitions)
- Answer any seven questions in Section B (Short Answers)
- Answer any three questions in Section C (Essay)

SECTION A: DEFINITIONS

(20 MARKS)

- *Write brief explanations of the following terms.*
- **Each item is worth 2 marks.**

1. Decolonization
2. Constitutional independence
3. Global economy
4. The state
5. Sovereignty
6. Neocolonialism
7. Free association
8. A sea of islands (as a way of viewing the Pacific nations)
9. Globalization
10. Civil Society

SECTION B : SHORT ANSWERS

(35 MARKS)

Write between two and four sentences to answer the following questions. Answer any seven questions in this section. Each question is worth 5 marks.

11. What broad differences were there between Melanesian and Polynesian societies, especially in pre-European times?
12. Why is the establishment of the Exclusive Economic Zones seen as a key political development for the Pacific Islands? (Give **four** reasons).
13. Identify **four** factors which were responsible for many Pacific Island countries achieving independence in the period 1960-1980.
14. Give **two** advantages and **two** disadvantages for Niue and the Cook Islands resulting from their "free association" status.
15. Give **four** features of a strong state.

16. Give **four** reasons why Pacific Island countries want regional cooperation.
17. What are **two** strengths and **two** constraints (weaknesses) of "smallness" for Pacific Island countries?
18. Give **two** advantages and **two** disadvantages of the giving of aid by donors to developing Pacific Island countries.
19. What are **two** rights and **two** responsibilities of independent states?
20. Explain **two** ways in which democracy can affect the chiefly system in Fiji.

SECTION C : ESSAY WRITING (45 MARKS)

Answer three of the topics given below. Your essays should be between 300 and 350 words in length.

Each topic is worth 15 marks.

21. With reference to at least **two** global issues, explain what they are and how they affect Pacific Island states.
22. Discuss whether Fiji can currently be described as a strong or a weak state. Justify your point of view.
23. (a) What does the phrase 'regional co-operation in the Pacific' mean? (6 marks)
- (b) In what ways is regional co-operation in the Pacific important and to what extent is it occurring and what are some problems involved? (14 marks)
24. In what ways do international donors try to achieve good governance in the administration of their aid programmes?
25. (a) Fully explain Epeli Hau'ofa's rationale in emphasizing that Oceania is 'a sea of islands'. (10 marks)
- (b) Give your own opinions about the perspectives emphasized by Hau'ofa. (10 marks)

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