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IRL 221: DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

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QUESTIONS

1. Is China still a developing country, or has it joined the ranks of the developed countries?
 - Definition of Development (by at least three renowned scholars with their varying perspectives of the concept)
 - Argument of China as a developed or developing country (with parameters to justify argument)
 - Diversities among developing Countries (resource endowment, historical background, geographic and demographic factors, political structure, ethnic and religious breakdown, per capita income levels, etc)
2. Differentiate between economic growth and economic development.
3. "The account of Human Rights in Nigeria predates colonial rule". Examine the validity of this statement.
 - The concept of Human Rights
 - Accounts of Human Rights in Nigeria (from pre-colonial, colonial and post-colonial rule)
 - Issues of Human Rights violation in contemporary times.
4. Are Developing Countries Truly Sovereign Nation-States?
5. Foreign Aid; a means to development OR political strategy?
 - Definition of Foreign Aid
 - Origin of Foreign Aid
 - The Positives and Negatives of Foreign Aid
 - Argument as a means to development or political strategy.
6. Discuss the impacts of Global Trade Regime on Developing Countries
7. Discuss the features of the international system,
8. Extensively discuss the positives and the negatives of foreign aid on developing countries
9. "The BRICS as a grouping of countries spread across the globe is bizarre but true". Discuss
 - Introduction
 - Brazil
 - Russia
 - India
 - China
 - South Africa
10. In the just concluded 2015 general elections in Nigeria, discuss the features of democracy and good governance that were visibly displayed?
11. Do you agree that the BRICS has the potential for being a positive force in world affairs?
 - Give a historical account of the BRICS
 - Discuss in details some of their major challenges
 - Argue for or against that the BRICS has the potential for being a positive force in world affairs.
12. "The whole concept of human rights is an old one which is considered to be universal and alienable, individual, indivisible, interrelated and independent". Examine the validity of this statement.
13. What accounts for the development trajectories of Nigeria and South Korea?
14. It could be concluded that while there are common features held by developing countries there are also areas of differences". Discuss

15. What effect does a state's failure have on its Sovereignty?
16. Examine the common features of developing countries.
17. Discuss the following concepts: Good Governance, Democracy and Sustainable Development.
18. To what extent do developing countries have a voice in the international system?
19. "Development has no univocal or universal definition. This is because different scholars have different perspective to the concept" Examine the validity of this statement.
20. What is the GNI per capita of Nigeria?

MODEL ANSWERS IN ALTERNATE SEQUENCE (ODD NUMBERS)