Summer Examinations 2015

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MODULE TITLE  International Economics
LEVEL       Six
TIME ALLOWED   Two hours

Instructions to students:
• Enter your student number not your name on all answer books.
• Answer any three questions.
• All questions are equally weighted.

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Answer any **three** questions.

1. Critically discuss the view that traditional theories of trade, as represented, for example, by the Heckscher-Ohlin model, are no longer a valid representation of actual international trade.

2. Evaluate the claim that Customs Unions are a move towards protectionism, not to freer trade.

3. To what extent, if any, do you agree with the view that it is more important for the WTO to concentrate on facilitating trade by reducing ‘red tape’ than on attempting to reach further grandiose agreements?

4. ‘So-called fair trade is nothing more than a mechanism to keep developing countries reliant on low-value agricultural exports.’ Discuss.

5. Is the ongoing crisis in the Eurozone an indication that the introduction of the single currency was a fundamentally flawed idea?

6. Critically examine the main reasons for the increasing instability of global financial markets over the last few decades. What, if anything, can be done to solve the problem?

7. Is capital flight a major problem for developing economies? What policies should be used to counter this phenomenon?

8. Critically assess the ways in which at least **two** countries in East and/or South-east Asia have encouraged their economies to grow in the last three decades

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