



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**  
**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PEACE STUDIES AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

2023\_1 POP EXAMINATION

**COURSE CODE: PCR419**

**COURSE TITLE: INTERNATIONAL POLITICS OF THE COLD WAR**

**CREDIT UNIT: 3**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3 Hours**

**INSTRUCTION: Answer any 4 questions. Each question carries an allocation of 17.5 marks. Total score is 70.**

1. a. What is polarity in international politics?- 2.5 marks  
b. Discuss extensively three (3) types of polarity in international politics showing vivid examples of their annals in world political history- 15 marks
2. Discuss the conflict trajectories that made the Cold War a social conflict between and among contesting world powers- 17.5 marks
3. A. What are the characteristics of cold war? 5 marks  
B. Explain the role of the Cold War politics in international labour movements after World War II- 12.5 marks
4. a. Discuss the composite goals of the European Recovery Programme as a strategy of containment- 10 marks  
b. Discuss five events that culminated in the relaxation of tension between the key adversaries of the Cold War. 7.5 marks
5. Discuss the consequences of the Cold War- 17.5 marks
6. Using Randall Collins' social conflict theory explain the Cold War as a social conflict that spanned for decades- 17.5 marks