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SEA301 – Politics and Regionalism in ASEAN

Duration: [3 hours]

Answer THREE (3) questions only. All questions carry equal marks.

1. What was the effect of the Vietnam War in the 1960s, through till the 1970s, on the emergence of regionalism in Southeast Asia? How did it affect the formation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in 1967?
2. What are the achievements of ASEAN as a regional organization? Explain what you consider to be ASEAN's most significant contribution to regional order and peace to date.
3. Define consensual decision-making. What are its weaknesses and strengths? How do you think ASEAN should change its decision-making structures and style, given contemporary political developments?
4. "As a regional body, ASEAN has attained much more in political cooperation than it has in economic integration." Discuss.
5. Why do you think ASEAN set up the ASEAN Regional Forum in 1994? Do you think it has helped the regional players to address post-Cold War problems and issues? Give examples from current developments in Southeast Asia.
6. ASEAN is more a "security complex" than a "pluralistic security community". Do you agree?