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Period: _____ Date: _____

Honors International Studies, Semester Final

PLEASE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING SHORT ESSAY QUESTIONS CAREFULLY. WHEN FINISHED, PLEASE STAPLE THIS ASSIGNMENT SHEET ATOP YOUR WRITTEN ANSWERS AS A COVER SHEET. THESE QUESTIONS ARE DESIGNED TO ELICIT YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE COURSE MATERIAL AS WELL AS YOUR GROWTH DURING THE TERM. BELOW ARE A SERIES OF SHORT ESSAY QUESTIONS. ALL STUDENTS WILL ANSWER THE FIRST QUESTION, AND THEN CHOOSE FROM TWO OF THE REMAINING FOUR TO ADDITIONALLY RESPOND TO. YOU WILL HAVE AN AVERAGE OF 30 MINUTES AVAILABLE FOR EACH SHORT WRITING, BUT I SUGGEST YOU DEVOTE AT LEAST FORTY MINUTES TO THE FIRST QUESTION (MORE HEAVILY CONSIDERED IN THE GRADING) AND THEN RATION THE REMAINDER OF YOUR TIME ACCORDINGLY. PLEASE STRIVE TO USE EXAMPLES WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

EVERYONE WILL ANSWER THIS QUESTION: (40%)

- ∞ Would you characterize the world as existing in a state of anarchy (ie, unpredictable chaos) or in some kind of predictable structure, or perhaps something else altogether?
Explain your reasoning/rational for your answer in detail.

PLEASE CHOSE TWO OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR TO WRITE ABOUT: (30% each)

- ✓ We have a paradigm of thought regarding nation-states which revolves around bi-, uni- and multi-polar thinking. But is this the logical end to this theory? If you were to evolve this particular theory another level, what might it look like, and would preexisting polarity-associated theory (like security dilemma and collective security, among others) still work within it?
- ✓ Write about some aspect of current international relations or events (American politics is ok too, as it has a direct bearing on world politics), pulling from the course material to make sense (ie, explain the significance...) of the events and their possible impact on other, related aspects of the event.
- ✓ What “issues” might exist surrounding the credibility and effectiveness of international law? (You might consider the arguments both in favor of and against international law)
- ✓ How has this course material challenged your world view?
(This is not a generic “*in this course I learned...*” answer. Note the word “challenged” in the question. Establish how you viewed the world prior to the course, and contrast it to now using specific examples; simply writing in the direction of “*I learned about the world...*” will not suffice.)