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## **SCHOOL OF LAW**

**HCR523 CHILD RIGHTS ADVOCACY AND PUBLIC POLICY**

**EXAMINATION**

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**DURATION: 3 HRS**

### ***INSTRUCTIONS***

1. Choose **Question 1** and any other two questions.
2. **Question 1** carries 50 marks and the other questions each carry 25 marks.
3. Credit is given for, well-written and lucid work.
4. Where you cite legal provisions they must be cited in full.
5. Plagiarism will be penalised.

### **Question 1**

Munashe (13 years old), lives in Tsvingwe high-density suburb in Penhalonga where artisanal mining is one of the few options for many families to earn a little money to support themselves. The work is backbreaking and poorly paid, but Munashe knew at an early age he would have to work to help his family to survive. Every day he goes down deep and dangerous tunnels in search for gold and remits what he collects to his aunt and uncle who he lives with. Increasingly, he has also been selling the illicit drug 'weed' for John (40) who supplies him for his own consumption and to sell to other miners. Munashe gets 1% of the profit while John gets the rest. Munashe is now addicted to the drugs.

- (a) With reference to principles in relevant child rights international and national policies in Zimbabwe, identify at least 4 issues for advocacy from Munashe's story. **[10 Marks]**
- (b) Develop an advocacy strategy for one of the four chosen advocacy issues. **[40 Marks]**

### **Question 2**

With the aid of examples, explore four factors that may influence public policy in Zimbabwe. **[25 Marks]**

### **Question 3**

'There are risks in conducting advocacy, as well as risks in choosing not to undertake advocacy. Either path can affect our organizations, or our partners' credibility and authority; it might also affect the lives of our advocacy practitioners and the people involved, including children and women.'

Explore the elements of Foundation Area 5 on the Ability to assess risks. **[25 Marks]**

### **Question 4**

Explore the principles of partnerships in advocacy for children's rights. **[25 Marks]**

### **Question 5**

A common phenomenon under which girl child rights are violated within the Johanne Marange Apostolic Church is forced child marriages. Identify the relevant key

stakeholders and assess their interests and the potential impact of advocacy against Child Marriages. **[25 Marks]**

**THE END**