



**SCHOOL OF LAW**  
**NHCR 512 SOCIOLOGY AND CONCEPTIONS OF CHILDHOOD IN AFRICA**  
**END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

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**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- 1. Do NOT write your name on the answer sheet**
- 2. Answer THREE questions only**
- 3. Begin your answer for each question on a new page**
- 4. Each question is worth 20 marks**

**Question 1**

With reference to relevant examples, assess the view that “Childhood is more historically and socially constructed than it is biological.”

**Question 2**

Discuss the similarities and differences of African childhoods from the Global conceptions. Give relevant examples.

**Question 3**

With reference to appropriate examples, examine the potential of “The New Sociology of Childhoods” in enabling us gain more context relevant conceptions of childhoods in Africa.

**Question 4**

Discuss how any four inequalities may intersect with childhood conceptions to increase the vulnerability of children in specific African settings.

**Question 5**

With reference to examples, assess the relevance of the UNCRC in improving the lives of children in Africa.