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**HCR511: CHILD RIGHTS IN AN AFRICAN CONTEXT
END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

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DURATION: 3 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do NOT write your name on the answer sheet.
2. Answer **Question One** and any other two questions.
3. Begin your answer for each question on a new page.
4. Credit is given for neat, well-written and lucid work.

Question 1 (compulsory)

With reference to the four guiding principles of child rights, examine the extent to which the Constitution of Zimbabwe, Children's Act, The Education Act, and the Public Health Act of Zimbabwe abide by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. **[40 Marks]**

Question 2

Examine the application of the right to be heard and taken seriously and the right to information in the backdrop of African cultural norms on children's participation in matters that concern them. **[20 Marks]**

Question 3

'The CRC is about liberty rights and not about protecting children, the CRC gives children dangerous freedoms and undermines respect for adults and parents, ideas about their rights may encourage children to be selfish and irresponsible, and the CRC may lead to complacency that treaties alone are enough to improve conditions for children.' Discuss. **[20 Marks]**

Question 4

Reconcile the right to information of the child with the right to protection from violence and abuse in the digital space. **[20 Marks]**

Question 5

Critically analyse the application of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in an African cultural context. **[20 Marks]**

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