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NPHR500: CONCEPTUAL FOUNDATIONS AND PHILOSOPHY OF HUMAN RIGHTS

END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer **ALL** the questions in **Section A** and any **Two** questions from **Section B**.

Total possible mark is **100**.

Start **each** question on a new page on your answer sheet.

The marks allocated to **each** question are shown at the end of the section.

Section A

1.a. 'The evolution of human rights is largely premised on the normative issues that philosophers sought to answer'. Critically comment in light of the development of human rights discourse. **(20 marks)**

1.b. Explain how the 'problem condition' influenced the growth and expansion of human rights legal frameworks. **(20 marks)**

Section B

2. With aid of relevant examples, discuss the view that human rights are universal both in nature and application.' **(30 marks)**

3. Compare and contrast Hobbes and Locke's view on the social contract. In your answer demonstrate the implications of each's philosopher's ideas on the human rights of the governed. **(30 marks)**

4. Discuss the view that, states are the only actors that have the responsibility for the establishment of human rights in their respective jurisdictions. **(30 marks)**

5. Evaluate the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) in the African context. **(30 marks)**