



SCHOOL OF LAW

NPHR512L: NATIONAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFRICA

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3HRS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1. Do NOT write your name on the answer sheet**
- 2. Answer TWO questions only**
- 3. Begin your answer for each question on a new page**
- 4. The exam is worth 100 marks**

SECTION A

Question 1

Discuss the basic Socio-political features of Africa, paying particular attention to the commonalities and diversities of the different African states. In your answer, indicate the impact of these features on human rights protection. **[50 Marks]**

Question 2

a) Discuss the role that religious and traditional leaders play in efforts to ensure that human rights can be fully protected in sub-Saharan Africa. **[25 Marks]**

b) Explain the role of CSOs in protecting human rights. In your answer, discuss the challenges that CSOs face in their quest to protect human rights, and suggest strategies to address these challenges. **[25 Marks]**

Question 3

Discuss the mandate of National Human Rights Institutions in the protection of human rights within states. In your answer, highlight and explain the challenges that they face in executing their mandate and suggest strategies to address these challenges. **[50 Marks]**

Question 4

With reference to an African country of your choice, discuss the mechanisms that have been put in place to protect the rights of children against forced or child marriages. **[50 Marks]**

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