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**SCHOOL OF LAW**

**NPHR500: CONCEPTUAL FOUNDATIONS AND PHILOSOPHY OF HUMAN  
RIGHTS**

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

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**DURATION: 3 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Answer **TWO** questions

You have 3 hours to complete this exam.

You are encouraged to provide appropriate references where necessary in your work. Any cases of positive exam misconduct will be punished in terms University Regulations.

### **Question 1**

Evaluate the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) in any African country of your choice. **[50 Marks]**

### **Question 2**

- a) Explain the key events, declarations and legal instruments that triggered the development and adoption of human rights at the global level. **(40 marks)**
- b) Discuss the sources of international human rights law. **[10 marks]**

### **Question 3**

Giving examples, and with particular reference to women's rights, discuss universalism and relativism theories. In your answer, indicate the theory you deem appropriate for the protection of women's rights. **[50 marks]**

### **Question 4**

States have the primary responsibility for the establishment of human rights standards and ensuring their implementation, however other actors also have a critical role to play in the promotion and protection of human rights. Discuss. **(50 marks)**

**END OF EXAMINATION**