



COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES & EDUCATION

NHIR 421: LAW AND POLITICS

END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer **THREE [3]** questions in all

All questions carry equal marks

Start **each** question on a new page in your answer booklet

Answer compulsory question SECTION A

Answer any two (2) questions from SECTION B

Credit will be awarded for logical, systematic and neat presentation

Write legibly

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

Question 1

- 1) Choose one African situation that is a spotlight on international criminal law. The African government in that country is struggling to establish accountability and has consulted your Government through the Ministry of Justice.

Advise the Minister of Justice on the legal basis under the Rome Statute for the International Criminal Court (ICC) on what principles of international criminal law would you apply to evaluate the legality of the prosecution in this case? The answers must be grounded in empirical facts from the same case **[40 Marks]**

SECTION B

- 2) Demonstrate how the establishment of the African Union Space Agency (AfSA) functions as a political statement regarding Africa's desire for technological sovereignty and reduced reliance on external powers for space-derived data **[30 Marks]**
- 3) The debate over granting **Artificial Intelligence (AI) legal personality** is fundamentally a political one, not just a technical one. In light of this debate in the development of artificial intelligence, discuss whether AI should be granted legal personality, and what implications would this have for international law? **[30 Marks]**
- 4) Following a highly contentious election in a young African democracy, the opposition challenges the result, claiming systemic fraud. The incumbent insists on accepting the electoral commission's declaration, warning that judicial intervention will lead to instability. As an International Relations analyst, outline the political and legal arguments you would present to a regional body (like ECOWAS or SADC) to balance the need for judicialization of elections with the imperative for political stability **[30 Marks]**

- 5) You are an activist leading a campaign for constitutional amendments reforms addressing Presidential term limits in your country. How would you navigate the political and legal landscape to promote your agenda effectively? **[30 Marks]**

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