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**NHIR 422: CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL CHANGE
END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

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DURATION: 3 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

This paper contains **TWO** sections (A and B).

Section A is **COMPULSORY**.

Answer **ANY TWO (2) questions** from Section B.

Start each question on a new page in your booklet.

Do not repeat material.

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

Question 1

Discuss the relationship between the principle of Permanent Sovereignty over Natural Resources (PSNR) under international law and its interaction with indigenous rights in Zimbabwe. In particular, examine how Section 4 of the Communal Land Act [Chapter 20:04] and Section 2 of Zimbabwe's Mines and Minerals Act (MMA) shape the interaction between state control and indigenous rights, using the case of **Chikutu and Others v. Minister of Lands and Others**, HH 02/2022. [40 marks]

SECTION B: ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS

Question 2

In the context of Africa's diverse cultural landscapes, can the recognition and protection of individuals' bodily integrity and autonomy catalyze social change, empowering communities to reclaim and revitalize their cultural identities? [30 marks]

Question 3

Dear candidate, you have been selected by the Human Rights Commission of Africa as an expert in International Relations to write an essay on civil and political rights in Africa. The title of your essay will be "Digital Rights in Africa: A Double-Edged Sword—Fostering Activism or Enabling State Surveillance and Censorship?" The essay should include an abstract, incorporate relevant subheadings for organization, and analyze at least three contemporary case studies from African states.

Question 4

Recognized for your profound expertise in constitutional rights and social change in Africa, you have been entrusted by the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) with the important task of crafting a comprehensive five-year response plan for Sudan. This strategic plan should articulate specific and actionable measures tailored for the country, focusing on the effective realization of second-generation rights. Your efforts should particularly prioritize the enhancement of human security for individuals who have been forcibly displaced within the country. [30 marks]

Question 5

How have three distinct social movements from various African countries challenged entrenched power structures and shaped public discourse on civil liberties, accountability, and inclusive governance, ultimately contributing to the transformation of the constitutional landscape in their societies? **[30 marks]**

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