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EXAMINATION PAPER

Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Development Studies: Part 2 Semester 1

COURSE CODE : ADS 215
COURSE TITLE : Human Rights and Development
DURATION : 3 Hours
DATE : 11 JUN 2024

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Question NUMBER (1) is **COMPULSORY FOR ALL**
2. Choose any other **TWO** questions.
3. Each question carries 25 Marks.
4. Start each question on a new page of your answer sheet.
5. Use relevant examples or case studies in answering your questions

1. Mtakawazi State is located in Southern Africa and recently held its harmonised elections to choose a President, the Members of Parliament (MPs) and councilors. The 2 main political parties led by heavyweights Chivende and Mujaya respectively squared off with the ruling party led by Chivende failing to garner the $\frac{2}{3}$ (two-thirds) in parliament it had previously enjoyed. Chivende has since resorted to dirty political games by imposing Chibhangu as the sore leader of Mujaya's party. The Chibhangu fracas is a means by Chivende to illegally retake two-thirds eventually with the aid of a captured and corrupt judiciary system, Chabhangu recalled democratically elected MPs and Councilors, a move which has caught Chivende and his ruling party in flagrante delicto. Consequently, Mujaya outwitted parliamentarians and councilors have been barred from contesting in the by-election, a move that has secured $\frac{2}{3}$ it desperately needed by Chivende to perhaps amend the constitution so that he can contest for a third term. As a Human Rights lobbyist, write to the United Nations detailing the skirmishes and the shrinking politico space in Mtakawazi State.
2. 'The Aljazeera investigative documentary dubbed Gold Mafia exemplifies the central role of media in exposing corruption.' As a human rights pundit, produce a paper that positions the role of the media in the Human Rights discourse.
3. You are given a podium to address the conundrum behind Human Rights debates. Compile some well-argued notes you could share on the following thematic areas;
 - i. The Western Position
 - ii. Islamic Position
 - iii. African Position
 - iv. Feminist perspective
4. 'Sceptics have argued that the issuance of a warrant of arrest to the Russian President Vladimir Putin by ICC on the alleged abduction of children from Ukraine is a recent example to show how the International Criminal Court has been reduced into a 'Kangaroo Court.' Neither Russia nor Ukraine is a member of the ICC yet the ICC jurisdiction extends only to those countries that have become parties of the Rome Statute establishing ICC.' As a specialist in human rights, debate on weaponization of international institutions by world superpowers and its implications.
5. 'The judiciary and court systems in Zimbabwe continue to be used to suppress dissenting voices. The authoritarian nature of the Zimbabwean government is a betrayal of the founding values of the nation which guaranteed the right of every Zimbabwean to participate in the civil political and social affairs of the country.' Reflect this statement looking at the contemporary human rights abuses in the country under the 2nd Republic and the election squabbles.

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