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EXAMINATION PAPER

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MODULE TITLE : HUMAN RIGHTS & INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Answer 4 questions. Answer ONE question in Section A and any 3 from Section B.
2. Each question carries twenty-five (25) marks.
3. Number of marks for part questions are shown in brackets.
4. Start each question on a new page.
5. This paper consists of three (3) pages
6. Answer sheets are provided

SECTION A – CHOOSE ANY ONE QUESTION

Question 1

Evaluate the statement that Human Rights Law and the International Humanitarian Law are different sides of the same coin. Support your answer by referring to legal instruments and decided cases.

[25 marks]

Question 2

Analyse the extent to which the Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War illustrates the link between humanitarian law and human rights law.

[25 marks]

SECTION B – ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

Question 3

- One Thursday 5th May 2025 Blessed Mhlanga a journalist is arrested in Harare in his HotIssues Studios for airing Blessed Geza`s interview where the later expressed his political opinion about the President of the country. The former is taken to Avondale police station for questioning. His lawyer Chris Mhike follows him to Avondale police station and is informed that Blessed Mhlanga has not been booked there. Chris goes to Harare Central Police Station where he failed to locate him and its now evening.
Early morning the following day being a Friday Chris rushes to Southerton Police Station where he heard his client has been transported to but he could not locate him. Chris travels to Mukushi Police Academy where he is told to wait as they check if Blessed has been booked there. The innocent police officer returned after three hours telling him he could not locate him and there was no any bookings of Blessed Mhlinga. He further tells Chris that he heard Blessed was at Mabvuku Police Station some 12 kilometres way from town. He rushes to Mabvuku and was told there was no Blessed Mhlanga and its evening again.
The whole morning of Saturday Chris drafts a High Court *habeus corpus* application. He serves the matter as an urgent matter but has to be heard on Monday. He is finally brought to court on Wednesday just before the court resumes in the High Court and is denied bail. He spent 2 months in cells. Blessed has loses trust of his lawyer Chris thinking that he sat on his matter yet it concerned his life. Blessed Mhlanga approaches you a newly recruited legal practitioner at a very respectable law firm in Harare seeking recourse from the state.
Advise Blessed Mhlanga of his rights referring to legal provisions and case laws.

[25 marks]

Question 4

With reference to legal instruments explain the five conceptual foundations of human rights

[25 marks]

Question 5

(a) Distinguish equity from equality with reference to human rights (5 marks)

(b) Define customary law as a source of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law (5marks)

(c) Explain categorization of Human Rights (5marks)

(d) Describe/explain the Geneva Conventions 1949 (10 marks)

[25 marks]

Question 6

With reference to legal instruments and case law discuss the assertion that the government of Zimbabwe failed to hold the right to life in the case of Itai Dzamara.

[25 marks]

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