



**ZIMBABWE EZEKIEL GUTI UNIVERSITY**

**FACULTY OF LAW**

**EXAMINATION PAPER**

**COURSE CODE** : LLB 020  
**COURSE TITLE** : Gender and the Law  
**DURATION** : 3 Hours  
**LEVEL** : 5.1 & 5.2  
**DATE** : 12 AUG 2021

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

1. Answer **four** questions, answer at least **ONE** question from **each** section.
2. Each question carries **25 Marks**.
3. Start each question on a new page of your answer sheet.

## **SECTION A**

### **Question 1**

Article 13 (a) of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women states parties shall take all appropriate measures to eliminate discrimination against Women in other areas of economic and social life in order to ensure, on a basis of equality of men and women, the same rights, in particular, the right to family benefits.

With reference to the relevant provision of the Constitution of Zimbabwe Amendment Act No.20 of 2013, discuss how have gender related laws been realized within the realm of material practices? [25 marks]

### **Question 2**

Marxist feminism argues that women's work is undervalued as evidenced by property distribution on divorce and inheritance rights. Discuss how this position has been progressively amended by our courts. Your answer must cite substantive examples. [25 marks]

## **SECTION B**

### **Question 3**

Section 245 of the Constitution of Zimbabwe Amendment Act No.20 of 2013 provides for the establishment of the Zimbabwe Gender Commission. You have been appointed to advise the Commission on remedies on to curb gender inequalities currently being faced in Zimbabwe. Advise the Commission accordingly. [25 marks]

### **Question 4**

Write short notes on:

- (a) Protectionist Approach
- (b) Corrective approach
- (c) Substantive Equality Approach

[25 marks]

**Question 5**

Liberal feminists have highly criticized the notion of mothers as primary care takers of children and the absence of paternity leave for men. To what extent is their argument valid? Your answer must also give a commentary on the violation of Sec 5(a) of CEDAW regarding stereotypical roles of men and women? [25 marks]

**Question 6**

*Gender inequality is expressed and embedded in customary law.*

Discuss in what aspects is the above statement a true reflection of the Zimbabwean customary law? [25 marks]

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