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2021_1 EXAMINATION QUESTIONS SET 1
JUNE, 2021 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: PUL241
COURSE TITLE: HUMAN RIGHTS LAW I
CREDIT UNIT: 4
TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

Instruction: ANSWER QUESTION 1 (ONE) AND ANY OTHER 3 QUESTIONS.
ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS (15 MARKS) EXCEPT
QUESTION 1 WHICH CARRIES 25 MARKS.

QUESTIONS:

1. Proponents of the natural law principles have argued that certain rights exist as a higher law than the legal system or any positive law. Such rights accrue to all men and are absolute, irrespective of space and time. **Discuss =25Marks**
2. Ichie Madu is a local popular traditional ruler in *Uffiem* community of Atang State in an African country. Due to Ichie's good style of leadership, the elders of *Uffiem* community have unanimously agreed that his first son should represent them and other neighbouring communities in the State House of Assembly. This did not go down well with the elders of the other communities who contend that *Uffiem* community has benefited immensely from the Government to the detriment of other communities. Some group from *Uffiem* also opposed the idea of their elders and this led to fracas and Mr. Ghali, a dreadful politician from *Uffiem* used the services of the police to arrest and detain Ichie for three days and denied him food, on the ground that he is breaching the peace of the community. Ichie has been released from police custody and contemplating of suing Mr. Ghali and the police for abuse of his fundamental right. You are expected to educate Ichie Madu on different classification of rights and identify which class the alleged abuse falls to enable him sue appropriately. **=15Marks**

3. In not more than three concise paragraphs, discuss the historical antecedents of human rights in Nigeria. =15Marks
4. (a) Define and explain the term 'Declaration' =8Marks
(b) Identify and briefly explain the declaration which is central in international rights law. =7Marks
5. (a) In a nutshell, narrate the content of international human rights norms. =12Marks
(b) What is 'Glorious Revolution'? =3Marks
6. With reference to appropriate authorities define and roundly discuss *the Right to Life*. =15Marks