



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**  
**FACULTY OF LAW**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LAW**  
**2021\_2 EXAMINATION QUESTIONS**

**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. (a) It is trite that Marxists have little place for human rights within the framework of the legal order. According to *Tunkin*, “conventions on human rights do not grant rights directly to individuals” the contents of human rights obligations are defined solely by the state in the light of the socio-economic advancement of the state. Carefully discuss the above position in line with your knowledge of human rights. =**20Marks**.  
(b) What do you understand by the term ‘Constitutionalism’? =**5Marks**
2. Identify and discuss the three generations of rights you know. =**15Marks**
3. With the aid of relevant authorities, briefly examine the ‘right to freedom from discrimination’ as enshrined in 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. =**15Marks**
4. Elder Bimbo is a retired Journalist who was successful in his profession. He was known for his integrity and honesty both at work and home and has successfully trained his children in various professions. Elder Bimbo as he was fondly called by his family lately became sick and was taken to hospital but was diagnosed to be suffering from terminal sickness. He was passing through excruciating pains and had on many occasions prayed to God to take his life to end the pains. Doctor Charity after hearing Elder Bimbo’s prayers for these many times had advised him that at that point, his life was already fragile, and that if he wants to pass on, he can

simply take overdose of his drugs and he would simply sleep off and pass on without any pains. As soon as Doctor Charity left for other patients, Elder Bimbo directed Lola, his grandson (who knew nothing about the arrangement) to give him the remaining drugs which he quickly gulped and gave up the ghost in the ensuing few minutes. Briefly discuss the issues involved here. =**15Marks**

5. (a) Under English Law, a person may not be liable for the offence of procuring an abortion where such a person is a registered medical practitioner if two other registered medical practitioners are of the opinion formed in good faith that the abortion should be carried out for some specific purposes. Identify such purposes. =**8Marks**  
  
(b) Give a brief historical survey of the content of International Human Rights Norms. =**7Marks**
6. Explain the term 'Extra-Judicial Killing' and discuss at least three various circumstances under which it can occur. =**15Marks**