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COURSE CODE: PUL 242

COURSE TITLE: HUMAN RIGHTS LAW II

CREDIT UNITS: 4

TIME ALLOWED: 2 ½ HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION 1 (ONE) AND ANY OTHER 3 (THREE) QUESTIONS. (QUESTION 1 (ONE) ATTRACTS 25 MARKS WHILE OTHERS ARE 15 MARKS EACH)

1. Women's rights seek to challenge and break down the exclusion, discrimination and violence that women have suffered in all parts of the world. Women's rights could be related to feminism as a cultural and political force. Feminism can be understood as a broad based and diverse movement that seeks to protect and promote the interests of women. Feminist movements also actively link women's rights to the eradication of poverty; a factor that increasingly drives forward the rights agenda. This is because, poverty has to be understood in a wide sense, as including not just a lack of financial and social resources, but an exclusion from health care, legal services and civic life. On the whole, women work longer hours than men, with at least half the total time spent in unremunerated labour. This invisibility leads to lower social entitlements to women as compared to men. This gender inequity in turn perpetuates the gender gap in accessing needed resources.
 - (a) What is gender inequality. **5Marks**
 - (b) Briefly explain in your understanding, how gender inequality can hamper the economic growth of any nation or of the entire world. **12Marks**
 - (c) Give a brief overview of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).- **8Marks**
2.
 - (a) Succinctly relate women's rights to the international law. **10Marks**
 - (b) What is bonded labour? **5Marks**
3. The *Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women* in its Part 1 contains exactly 6 Articles that is (1) to (6). Carefully but briefly analyse any five Articles of the Part 1 of the Convention. **15Marks**
4.
 - (a) Define the term 'Refugee'. **5Marks**
 - (b) With the aid of scholarly authority(ies), give an overview of the analyses of the key issues on refugees. **10Marks**

5. (a) Carefully articulate the decision in the English case of *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Sivakumaran* [1988] 1 All ER 193 HL, in the interpretation of the Convention Relating to the Status of refugees and the 1967 Protocol. **10Marks.**
(b) Mention the five different legal systems that apply to marriage in Kenya. **5Marks**
6. Women's rights are an integral part of human rights. These rights guarantee the inherent dignity of women, but are also relevant to the Struggle against poverty as it relates to access to property ownership, good education and good employment. Women face structured disadvantage in many if not all countries of the world, especially in the developing world. Furthering the protection of women's rights involves complex issues of social change. It is therefore necessary that advocates of human rights do not approach cultures in a high-handed way, and seek to engage in constructive and sensitive cross-cultural dialogues in order to breakdown resistances to those changes that are necessary to empower women.

Bearing the above situation in mind, briefly discuss the property rights of women in Kenya.
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