



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
FACULTY OF LAW
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LAW
2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: PUL241
COURSE TITLE: HUMAN RIGHTS LAW 1
TIME ALLOWED: 2 ½ 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.
 - (i) Define the term, 'Human Rights' =5Marks
 - (ii) Briefly discuss the *first generation right* under *Karel Vasak's* concept or classification of rights. =8Marks
 - (iii) State the three duties of state in relation to human rights. =12Marks (4marks for each duty correctly stated)
2. (a) "Human rights are natural rights which are conferred by natural law on every human being". Discuss citing the words of Gaius Ezejiolor. =8Marks
- (b) Briefly relate Positivism with Human Rights. =7Marks
3. Colonialism is anti-human. The clamour for human rights in Nigeria dates back to the colonial era. Briefly discuss the process of this colonization. =15Marks
4. In a brief form, relate the origin and content of international human rights norms. =15Marks
5. Discuss the right of Freedom of Expression and the Press and derogation thereof. =15Marks
6. What is the position of the *fundamental objective and Directive principles of state policy* in the 1999 Constitution? =15Marks