

BOWEN UNIVERSITY
(of the Nigerian Baptist Convention)
IWO, OSUN STATE
COLLEGE OF LAW
SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION, 2024/2025 ACADEMIC SESSION
COURSE CODE: PIL 208 **COURSE TITLE: HUMAN RIGHTS LAW II**
INSTRUCTIONS
ATTEMPT TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM EACH SESSION
TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

SECTION A

1. Women's rights seek to challenge and break down the exclusion that women have suffered in all parts of the world. We could relate women's rights to feminism as a cultural and political force. Feminism could be understood as a broad based and diverse movement that seeks to protect and promote the interests of women. **In the light of the foregoing, discuss the the steps taken by the Federal Government of Nigeria to protect the rights of women through the Violence Against Persons (Prohibition) Act 2015.**
2. Idowu and Esther are 200-Level Law Students of Bowen University, Iwo. They got a into discussion after a human rights class and eventually ended up in a very heated argument. Idowu is of the view that the African Charter on Human and People's Rights differs from other regional human rights groups, while Esther disagrees with Idowu. The two decided to approach you for your opinion. **As a human rights student, discuss how African Charter on Human and People's Rights differs from other regional groups.**
3. Critically highlight and discuss five fundamental principles of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) that are applicable in armed conflict situations.

SECTION B

4. Children's rights are not somehow 'additional' to human rights. Instead, like women's rights, they are the application of the fundamental principles of human rights to a sector of humanity that deserves special protection. However, abuses of children's rights are a global problem in both the developing and the developed world. That is in all countries in the world, there are children living in exceptionally difficult conditions. High mortality rates, poor access to health care and education, the economic exploitation of children through child labour, and the abuse of children in armed conflict (war) demand both international and national action. The Nigerian government, through the Child Rights Act 2003, had taken a significant step to protect the rights of children and stop the abuses as well as exploitation of children. **Discuss.**
5. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) worldwide perform a wide range of services aimed towards human wellbeing and social welfare. These organizations work relentlessly towards development and bringing a positive change to the society. NGOs also play a vital role in promoting and protecting human rights through several channels. **Discuss the foregoing assertions with respect to the roles of NGOs in the protection of human rights.**

6. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACtHR) are two bodies in the inter-American system, formed by the American Convention on Human Rights (ACHR), for the promotion and protection of human rights. **Discuss, with emphasis on the functions and powers of the two bodies.**