



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 Ezejiofor. =**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**