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MHR 6104: HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMAN SECURITY

Duration: Two (02) Hours

Total number of questions: 04

Answer any Two (02) questions only

(Illegible handwriting will be penalized)

1. ‘Human security has become a catchword in a global debate on the changing meaning of security from the perspectives of national security to human security. While human security is a contested concept as for its definition, scope and utility, it has met with interest, approval and critique by the scientific community.’

Critically discuss the above statement with reference to the paradigm shift from national security to human security on the perspectives of protecting and promoting human rights globally and locally.

(25 Marks)

2. ‘Since different rules of international humanitarian law apply to different types of armed conflicts, it is also important to identify the nature of the conflict.’

Examine the above statement with reference to different types of armed conflict and applicable rules of law.

(25 Marks)

3. ‘Human security approach can be usefully applied to the attempts of fighting against terrorism and in combating organized crimes in post-conflict situations.’

Do you agree with the above proposition? Support your answer in light of contemporary challenges of counter terrorism measures.

(25 Marks)

4. Write notes on any **TWO** (02) of the following with reference to Human Security:

- (a) *Ad Hoc* International Criminal Tribunals and International Criminal Court;
- (b) Protection of Civilians in International Armed Conflict situations;
- (c) The United Nations Human Rights Council Resolution No.30/1 (2015);
- (d) Transitional Justice Processes.

(25 Marks)
