

**UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA**  
**FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES**  
**POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN HUMAN RIGHTS – 2018/19**  
**FIRST SEMESTER-END EXAMINATION**

**PGDHR 5103 -HUMAN RIGHTS DEBATE AND DISCOURSE**  
(Two Hours)

Total number of questions: 05

Answer any **Three questions** and **NO MORE**.

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1. 'Political struggles, cultural and religious practices and social conflicts paved the way for the development of global human rights discourse.'  
Critically analyse the above statement with examples.
2. Write notes on any **three** of the following:
  - a) Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW);
  - b) Asian values and universality of human rights;
  - c) Human dignity and human rights;
  - d) Every fundamental right is a human right;
  - e) Religious rights.
3. Critically analyse the concepts of state sovereignty and state responsibility in light of universal application of human rights.
4. Assess the concept of human dignity in relation to its contribution in the formation of many principles in human rights discourse.
5. Universal doctrine of human rights is threaten by the reverse debates on cultural relativism. Explain the above statement with reference to two examples.

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