

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA  
FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES  
POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN HUMAN RIGHTS (2018/2019)  
SEMESTER I - EXAMINATION  
PGDHR 5104 - CONTEMPORARY ISSUES ON HUMAN RIGHTS  
(Two Hours)

Total Number of Questions: 05

Answer THREE Questions ONLY.  
(Illegible Handwriting will be Penalized.)

---

1. 'Advancement of rights of women and children is vital to the development of society'.

Do you agree with the above statement? Support your answer with special reference to international standards on the protection and promotion of rights of women and children.

2. Answer either (a) or (b):

(a) Discuss the extent to which employees in Sri Lanka are protected against discrimination in employment.

OR

(b) Although sexual harassment at workplace is a violation of human rights, the effectiveness of the mechanisms available in Sri Lanka to protect the employees against sexual harassment at workplaces is not satisfactory.

Do you agree with the above statement? Give reasons for your answer.

3. Comment on the role that international human rights law, policy and domestic legislation play in the protection of the rights of refugees and internally displaced persons in situations of civil war and ethnic conflict.

4. 'The promotion and protection of the rights of minorities is an integral responsibility and significant priority of States.'

Discuss the above statement with reference to the protection and promotion of minority rights in light of relevant international and domestic standards.

5. Write notes on any TWO (02) of the following:

- (a) Environmental Rights;
- (b) Corporate Social Responsibility and Human Rights;
- (c) Rights of Disabled Persons;
- (d) Affirmative Action.

\*\*\*\*\*