

University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

Faculty of Graduate Studies

Postgraduate Diploma in Human Rights- 2020/2021

First Semester-End Examination (Online)

PgDHR-5101- Introduction to Human Rights

(2 hours)

Total Number of questions: 04

Answer any **TWO (02)** questions and **NO MORE**

(Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting.)

1. ‘Religions have operated as an inspiring source of human rights from the very beginning of the evolution of human rights discourse.’

Do you agree with the above statement? Support your answer with at least three examples drawn from different religions in the world.

(Total – 30 marks)

2. ‘Human Rights are better protected in a democratic system of governance’.

Discuss the interface between democracy and human rights in the light of essential features of democratic governance.

(Total – 30 marks)

3. Examine the impact of State sovereignty on the protection of human rights with examples

(Total – 30 marks)

4. Write notes on **Two (02)** of the followings;

- a) Natural Law School
- b) Protection of human Rights in the pre-UN era
- c) Justice and Human Rights
- d) Individualism in Human rights

(Total – 30 marks)
