

University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

Faculty of Graduate Studies

Postgraduate Diploma in Human Rights- 2020/2021

First Semester-End Examination (Online)

**PGDHR 5103: INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL LAW AND
HUMAN RIGHTS LAW**

(2 hours)

Total Number of questions: 04

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

(Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting.)

1. Critically examine the significance of sources of international law in protecting and promoting human rights. Support your answer with practical examples.

(Total – 30 marks)

2. You are invited to write an article to a magazine on ‘International Bill of Human Rights’. You should discuss the nature of obligations arising from the instruments recognised under the International Bill of Human Rights on sovereign States.

(Total – 30 marks)

3. State Rishi wishes to seek your opinion on prioritizing the protection and promotion of civil and political rights over economic, social and cultural rights in its territory. Draft your response to State Rishi explaining reasons.

(Total – 30 marks)

4. Write notes on any TWO of the following:

- a) Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948;
- b) Abolition of death penalty; and
- c) Theories relating to implementation of international law in the domestic context.

(Total – 30 marks)
