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SEMESTER I EXAMINATION

PGDHR 5102: INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

Duration: Two (02) Hours

Total Number of Questions: 05

Answer any **Three (03)** Questions

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1. Explain the role of international law that turned the 'concept of human rights' to an internationally recognized branch of law.
 2. Critically evaluate the impact of the establishment of the United Nations Organization on the progressive development of international human rights law.
 3. Write an essay on any selected international instrument recognized under 'International Bill of Human Rights'.
 4. Assume that you are expected to pen a newspaper article to make the readers aware about the difference between individual rights and group rights. Write the article with special reference to any selected group right/s of your choice.
 5. 'Peace' has been a prosperous village with a considerable number of population and much of natural resources. However, due to a long lasted drought the water sources of the area get dried up. Villagers experience a hard time and the Government and the Local Government authorities do not take any step to help the Peace village. Basic needs of life and the livelihood of many people are badly affected. Village hospital is unable to afford to health hazards due to lack of basic facilities. Village school is closed to provide temporary accommodation for affected people. Villagers start to show their frustration in different ways including violent means. The village police arrests many people without proper investigation and evidence. Using tear gases and batten charge Police disperses a public assembly of people.

Discuss the above situation in light of international human rights standards stipulate in human rights instruments of your choice. At least refer to minimum of two international instruments.