

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION, 2020/2021 ACADEMIC SESSION

COURSE: HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES II

COURSE CODE: PUL223

TIME: THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.

1. You have been asked to write and present a paper titled "Legal Framework for the Protection of Women's Rights in Nigeria" in your College Seminar. Prepare your paper bearing in mind the relevant treaties.

2. Mrs Nwachukwu lost her husband in a ghastly motor accident on the 22nd February, 2020. She was summoned to her late husband's village in Southeast Nigeria where she was assaulted, locked up in a room, made to shave her hair and drink the water used in bathing her husband's corpse. Mrs Nwachukwu is aggrieved and intends to file a suit against her husband's relatives in court. She has approached you as an expert in human rights law for advice. Advise her on the following:

- i) the nature of the suit to be filed
- ii) the court that can entertain the matter
- iii) her chances of success in the suit.

3. The rights of children are to be respected, protected and fulfilled by States as the principal duty bearers; however, these rights are often violated. Discuss extensively three major forms of violation of children's rights.

4. In 2017 there was a presidential election in the Republic of Zantoria. The election was not free and fair. Mr Azizi, a renowned journalist published fair comments about the election in a daily newspaper called 'Column Peoples Mirror Paper'. Immediately after the election, the police of Republic of Zantoria arrested Azizi. No reason was given for his arrest and his plea to contact his lawyer fell on deaf ears. The police officers collected his phones and detained him for four days. Azizi intends to file an action at the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights and has approached you for advice. Clearly advise him on the following:

- i) subject-matter jurisdiction of the court