

THE KENYA SCHOOL OF LAW



DIPLOMA IN LAW (PARA-LEGAL STUDIES)

2nd YEAR TERM II UNITS, 2026 EXAMINATION



INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS – PTP 206

(SPECIAL EXAMINATION)

9th April, 2026

DURATION: 2 HOURS

10.00 AM – 12.00 PM

Instructions to Candidates

- (a) Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER THREE Questions
- (b) Question ONE carries 25 Marks
- (c) All other questions carry 15 Marks each

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Question One

- (a) Discuss any 15 human rights under the Declaration of Human Rights. (15 marks)
- (b) State and explain any five characteristics of human rights (10 marks)

Question Two

- (a) Outline the purpose of domestic human rights. (9 marks)
- (b) Explain any three classifications of human rights. (6 Marks)

Question Three

- (a) List five rights under the Bill of Rights that may not be limited under the Kenyan Constitution 2010. (5 marks)
- (b) Explain the circumstances that should be considered before limiting any of the rights under the Kenyan Bill of Rights. (10 marks)

Question Four

Explain the action that an administrator should take if an action is likely to adversely affect the rights or fundamental freedoms of any person. (15 marks)

Question Five

- (a) Discuss the role of the office of the public prosecutor in upholding human rights. (10 marks)
- (b) State any 5 Kenya National Human Rights Commission functions. (5 marks)

Question Six

- (a) Explain the Kenyan treaty ratification process. (9 Marks)
- (b) Discuss the general obligations that governments take on when they ratify a treaty. (6 marks)

END

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19TH NOVEMBER, 2025

DURATION: 2 HOURS
2.00 PM – 4.00 PM

Instructions to Candidates

- (a) Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER THREE Questions
- (b) Question ONE carries 25 Marks
- (c) All other questions carry 15 Marks each

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Question 1

Mavuno Village, located in Kajiado County, has recently been the center of a heated public controversy. The County Government, in partnership with a private investor, announced plans to construct a large modern resort and golf course along the village's riverbank. Within a week of the announcement, county officials and police officers began evicting residents without any formal notice or compensation. The affected residents included over 500 households, many of whom depended on the river for water, small-scale farming, and fishing.

Among those affected were:

- Sarah Njeri, a single mother of three, who operates a small kiosk and claims her right to earn a living has been destroyed.
 - The Maasai Women's Cooperative, a registered community group, argues that the project threatens their cultural sites and grazing lands.
 - Two local journalists, who were covering the eviction, were arrested and their cameras confiscated for allegedly "inciting the public."
- a) Identify each person/organisation's rights that the county government has violated, stating 2 Human Rights Instruments that discuss it. (9 marks)
 - b) As a local NGO, "Justice for All," identify three Government institutions to which you would write to for intervention. (3 marks)
 - c) For each institution chosen in (b) above, give three reasons per each institution as to why you would choose it to channel your complaint to them. (9 marks)
 - d) Propose four practical legal remedies that the victims can get under Kenyan human rights law. (4 marks)

Question 2

- a) Explain any five key characteristics of human rights. (5 marks)
- b) State any 10 Human Rights as per the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. (10 marks)

Question 3

- a) State conditions under which the rights under the Bill of Rights in Kenyan Constitution 2010 may be limited. (10 mark)
- b) State any 5 rights under the Bill of Rights that may be limited. (5 marks)

Question 4.

- a) Discuss any 5 roles of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR) in protecting and promoting human rights. (5 marks)
- b) Using case laws where applicable, explain how Kenyan courts have used International Conventions to stop violations of human rights. (10 marks)

Question 5

Explain the treaty-making process under the following headings:

- (i) Signing (4 marks)
- (ii) Ratification (4 marks)
- (iii) Protocols (7 marks)



Question 6

- a) Describe any 5 rights under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR). (5 marks)
- b) Discuss 10 challenges currently facing the realisation of human rights in Kenya. (10 marks)



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Question 1

- (a) List **FIFTEEN (15)** Human Rights as per the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. (15 Marks)
- (b) Explain **FIVE (5)** Human Rights that may not be limited under the Constitution 2010. (10 Marks)

Question 2

- (a) Discuss the Economic and Social rights as per article 43 of the Kenyan Constitution. (6 Marks)
- (b) Describe any **SEVEN (7)** types of information that must be disclosed by a public entity to the public regarding their work under the Access to Information Act 2016. (9 Marks)

Question 3

- (a) Explain the action that an administrator should take if an action is to adversely affect the rights or fundamental freedoms of any person. (10 Marks)
- (b) Discuss **FIVE (5)** roles of office of the Ombudsman. (5 Marks)

Question 4

- (a) Using case laws where applicable discuss the role of the Courts in Kenya in enforcing Human Rights. (8 Marks)
- (b) Describe **SEVEN (7)** roles of the Office of the Public Prosecutor in upholding Human Rights in Kenya (7 Marks)

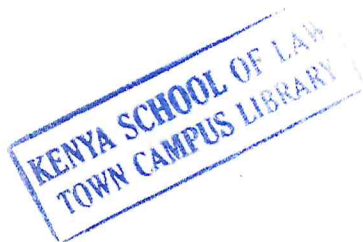
Question 5

- (a) Explain the human rights obligations that a Country takes on upon ratification of a treaty. (10 Marks)
- (b) Discuss any **FIVE (5)** women's rights as per the Protocol to the African Charter on the Rights of Women in Africa. (5 Marks)

Question 6

- (a) Explain the Kenyan treaty ratification process. (10 Marks)
- (b) State the contents of the memorandum that accompanies the treaty during the ratification process. (5 Marks)

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DURATION: 2 HOURS

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- (a) Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER THREE Questions
- (b) Question ONE carries 25 Marks
- (c) All other questions carry 15 Marks each

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QUESTION 1

- (a) State any **FIFTEEN (15)** human Rights as per the Universal Declaration for Human Rights. (15 Marks)
- (b) Explain any **FIVE (5)** classification of Human Rights. (10 Marks)

QUESTION 2

- (a) State any **FIVE (5)** Rights that are provided under the Bill of Rights in Kenyan Constitution 2010. (5 Marks)
- (b) Discuss the circumstances under which fundamental rights and freedom may be limited under the Kenyan Constitution 2010. (10 Marks)

QUESTION 3

- (a) Describe the rights that should be accorded to a person against whom administrative action is being undertaken under the Fair Administrative Action Act of 2015. (5Marks)
- (b) State any **TEN (10)** Human Rights principles that shall guide basic education in Kenya under the Basic Education Act of 2013. (10 Marks)

QUESTION 4

- (a) Using case laws where applicable, discuss the role of the judiciary in upholding Human Rights in Kenya. (10 Marks)
- (b) Describe **FIVE (5)** roles of the Civil Society in upholding Human Rights in Kenya. (5 Marks)

QUESTION 5

State any **FIVE (5)** rights each under the following international convention.

- (a) Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). (5 Marks)
- (b) Convention on Elimination of all Forms of Violence Against Women (CEDAW). (5 Marks)
- (c) International Convention on Economic Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR). (5 Marks)

QUESTION 6

- (a) Explain the Kenyan treaties ratification process. (10 Marks)
- (b) List any **FIVE (5)** challenges encountered in the implementation of Human Rights. (5 Marks)

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8TH MAY 2024

DURATION: 2 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates

- (a) Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER THREE Questions
- (b) Question ONE carries 25 Marks
- (c) All other questions carry 15 Marks each

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QUESTION 1

- (a) Discuss any **FIVE (5)** characteristics of Human Rights. (10 Marks)
- (b) Describe any **FIFTEEN (15)** Human Rights that are stated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. (15 Marks)

QUESTION 2

- (a) Explain the rights under the bill of rights under the Kenyan Constitution which may not be limited under any circumstances. (5 Marks)
- (b) Discuss any **TEN (10)** issues an administrator should consider if an action they are about to take would adversely affect the rights or fundamental freedoms of any person under the Administrative Actions Act. (10 Marks)

QUESTION 3

- (a) List any **TEN (10)** functions of the Kenya National Human Rights Commission (10 Marks)
- (b) State any **FIVE (5)** rights of the child under the International Convention on the rights of the child. (5Marks)

QUESTION 4

- (a) Using case laws where applicable describe the role of the judiciary in enforcing Human Rights in Kenya (10 Marks)
- (b) State any **FIVE (5)** roles of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP) in ensuring the Human Rights of citizens. (7 Marks)

QUESTION 5

- (a) Discuss the obligations of governments upon ratification of a convention/treaty. (9 Marks)
- (b) Explain **SIX (6)** contents of the Memorandum that accompanies a treaty in the Kenyan ratification process. (6 Marks)

QUESTION 6

- (a) Describe the United Nations reporting/implementation mechanisms for the ratified conventions/treaties. (12 Marks)
- (b) Identify any **FIVE (5)** challenges that Kenya faces in the implementation of Human Rights. (5 Marks)

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17th JANUARY, 2024

DURATION: 2 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates

- (a) Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER THREE Questions
- (b) Question ONE carries 25 Marks
- (c) All other questions carry 15 Marks each

PLEASE TURN OVER



QUESTION 1

- (a) Discuss classification of human rights under the three generation of rights. (10 Marks)
- (b) Discuss **THREE (3)** reasons of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. (6 Marks)
- (c) Explain any **NINE (9)** rights as per the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. (9 Marks)

QUESTION 2

- (a) Discuss **THREE (3)** reasons of the Bill of Rights. (7 Marks)
- (b) Discuss the circumstances under which fundamental Rights under the Bill of Rights may be limited. (8 Marks)

QUESTION 3

- (a) Discuss **SIX (6)** types of information that public entities must disclose to the public under the Access to Information Act No. 31 of 2016 of the Laws of Kenya. (6 Marks)
- (b) Examine any **NINE (9)** functions of the Ombudsman/Commission of Administrative Justice. (9 Marks)

QUESTION 4

- (a) Explain any **EIGHT (8)** Human Rights as per the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as ratified by Kenya. (8 Marks)
- (b) Discuss any **SEVEN (7)** Women's Rights as per the Protocol to the African Charter on the Rights of Women in Africa, (The Maputo Protocol). (7 Marks)

QUESTION 5

- (a) Describe the Kenyan Treaty ratification process as per the Treaty Making and Ratification (Act No. 45 of 2012). (9 Marks)
- (b) Analyze any **SIX (6)** contents of the Memorandum that accompany the treaty during the ratification process. (6 Marks)

QUESTION 6

- (a) Discuss any **EIGHT (8)** ways in which the Human Rights Committee implement the Human Rights Treaties. (8 Marks)
- (b) Discuss any **SEVEN (7)** challenges to the implementation of Human Rights in Kenya. (7 Marks)

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15TH MARCH, 2023

DURATION: 2 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates

- (a) Answer Question **ONE** and **ANY OTHER THREE** Questions
- (b) Question **ONE** carries **25 Marks**
- (c) All other questions carry **15 Marks** each

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QUESTION 1

- (a) Explain any ten (10) characteristics of Human Rights. (10 Marks)
- (b) Discuss the importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. (10 Marks)
- (c) List any five (5) declaration of Human Rights under the Universal Declaration of Human rights. (5 Marks)

QUESTION 2

- (a) Discuss the circumstances under which the rights under the Bill of Rights may be limited. (8 Marks)
- (b) Outline the Economic, Social and Cultural rights as stated in the Kenyan Constitution. (7 Marks)

QUESTION 3

- (a) Outline how an administrator should deal with a person whose rights are likely to be adversely affected by the administrative action. (10 Marks)
- (b) State any five (5) duties of the Commission on Administrative Justice (Ombudsman). (5 Marks)

QUESTION 4

Discuss how the following institutions protect Human Rights in Kenya:

- (a) The Judiciary (8 Marks)
- (b) Office of the Director of Public Prosecution. (7 Marks)

QUESTION 5

- (a) Discuss people's rights as per the African Union Charter. (10 Mark)
- (b) Explain any 5 duties imposed on the individuals by the African Union Charter. (5 Marks)

QUESTION 6

- (a) Explain the obligations that governments take upon ratifying a United Nations treaty. (7 Marks)
- (b) Briefly discuss the Kenyan treaty ratification process. (8 Marks)

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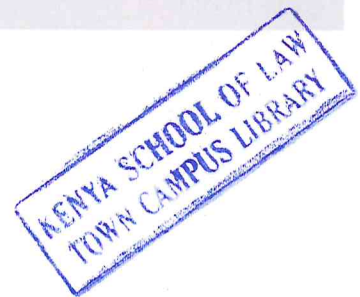
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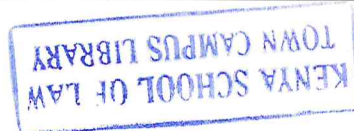
30TH MARCH, 2022

DURATION: 2 HOURS



Instructions to Candidates

- (a) Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER THREE Questions
- (b) Question ONE carries 25 Marks
- (c) All other questions carry 15 Marks each



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QUESTION 1

- (a) Discuss the characteristics of Human Rights. (15 marks)
- (b) Explain the various obligations that countries which ratify a Human Rights Instrument takes on for its fulfillment. (10 marks)

QUESTION 2

- (a) Identify any 10 people's rights as per the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights. (15 marks)

QUESTION 3

- (a) Discuss the purposes of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (5 marks)
- (b) List any five rights under the convention on Elimination of All forms of discrimination against women (10 marks)

QUESTION 4

- (a) State any five rights that may not be limited under the Kenyan Constitution 2010. (5 marks)
- (b) Explain the circumstances under which the rights under the Kenyan constitution 2010 may be limited. (10 marks)

QUESTION 5

- (a) Discuss actions that an administrator is supposed to take under the Fair Administrative Action Act, where his/her action is likely to adversely impact on the rights of any person. (7 marks)
- (b) State any 8 functions of the Kenya National Human Rights Commission in the fulfilment of its mandate of ensuring Human Rights for Kenyans. (8 marks)

QUESTION 6

Write short notes on the following:

- (a) Ratification process under the Kenyan law. (7 marks)
- (b) Challenges to implementation of Human Rights. (8 marks)

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