



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
FACULTY OF LAW
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LAW
2024_1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: PUL241
COURSE TITLE: HUMAN RIGHTS LAW I
CREDIT UNIT:
TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

Instruction: ANSWER QUESTION 1 (ONE) AND ANY OTHER 3 QUESTIONS. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS (15 MARKS) EXCEPT QUESTION 1 WHICH CARRIES 25 MARKS.

QUESTIONS:

1. Madam Udoma is a mother of five children living in the village of *Agujiegbe*. Her husband popularly known as 'Gallant' was a Mobile Police Officer who unfortunately lost his life during one of the peace-keeping missions in the foreign land. Madam Udoma and her children are still waiting for the necessary benefits accruing to her husband as a gallant officer, from the Federal Government. Meanwhile, *Orikobue*, Gallant's younger brother had started serious troubles with Madam Udoma and her children over Gallant's property. *Orikobue* has successfully ejected Madam Udoma from the main building in Gallant's compound forcing her and her five children to live only in one room apartment. He has used his connection and influence to conclude arrangement to process, in his name as the beneficiary of Gallant's estate and death gratuity while the poor widow and her children are left with virtually nothing. Roseline, Madam Udoma's close friend has told her that what *Orikobue* is doing tantamount to abuse of human rights and she can seek for redress in court of law. Taking into consideration, the concept of the generation of rights holistically as espoused by **Karel Vasak**, identify the class of right that is under abuse in the above scenario. **25Marks.**
2. (a) The term 'human rights' has been summarized in three sentences. State them. **9Marks.**
(b) Differentiate positive rights from natural rights. **6Marks**

3. In not more than three concise paragraphs, discuss the progenitor of Human Rights in Natural Law as the jurisprudential aspect of law. **15Marks.**
4. Briefly relate the history of international covenants and conventions on human rights. **15Marks.**
- 5.(a) Briefly discuss the issue of the fundamental objective and Directive principles of state policy in chapter II of the 1999 Constitution. **15Marks.**
6. Discuss 'Right to Life' especially as it applies to Nigerian context. **15Marks.**

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