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UNIT NAME: RIGHTS AND POLICIES RELATING TO GENDER SPECTRUM, GENDER
BASED VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION

DATE: WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2024

TIME: THREE HOURS **START:** 5.00 PM **STOP:** 8.00PM

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This exam is marked out of 60 marks
2. This Examination comprises TWO Sections
Section A: Compulsory 15 Marks
Section B: Answer three questions 45 Marks
3. This online exam shall take THREE Hours
4. Late submission of the answers will not be accepted
5. Ensure your web-camera is on at all times during the examination period
6. No movement is allowed during the examination
7. Idling of your machine for 5 min or more will lead to lock out from the exam
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SECTION A: COMPULSORY (15 MARKS)

1. International human rights instruments are treaties, declarations, and other legal frameworks established by the global community to promote and protect human rights worldwide. These instruments are highly relevant to gender and sexual minorities. Discuss any four international instruments and their relevance and impact to gender identity and sexual minorities. (8 marks)
2. Discuss the Relevance of International Human Rights Instruments in relation to Gender and Sexual Minorities (7 Marks)

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS (45 MARKS)

3. Bibi a commercial sex worker and a bi sexual lived in an urban town located in the Southern County. On 7th Oct 2022, at around 8.00 am, she developed lower abdominal pains while at her home. She took some local medicinal herbs to alleviate her pain since she could not afford health services at the local health facilities. However, she sought help at a private health facility, a health care worker at the clinic refused to attend to her upon learning that she was a lesbian, who deemed her as immoral. The next health care facility she went to, upon examination discovered that she had miscarried. The doctor cleaned Bibi and decided to perform tubal ligation without her consent to prevent her from conceiving and giving birth to “immoral” children, because according to him, lesbian couples should not be allowed to raise children. Discuss the human rights issues arising from the case above? (15 marks)
4. International human rights frameworks provide a universal standard for protecting the rights of all individuals, including gender and sexual minorities (LGBTQ+ individuals). However, applying these frameworks in different contexts, such as cultural, legal, political, and socio-economic environments, requires careful analysis and adaptation to ensure their effectiveness. Discuss how international human rights frameworks can be applied in various contexts in regard to gender and sexual minorities: (15 Marks)
5. In 2020, the ABC organization, based in Wakanda, petitioned the government on behalf of one of its members called Hillary. Hillary, who possesses intersex biological characteristics, had been incarcerated in a male-only prison facility. He faced charges related to engaging in sexual activity with a person of the same gender—an offense categorized as “against the order of nature” in the Penal Code, carrying a one-year prison sentence. During Hillary’s detention, he was taken to a hospital for gender verification, where doctors confirmed ambiguous genitalia.

Subsequently, a court order remanded Hillary to a male detention facility, where he shared cells and other facilities with male inmates. Unfortunately, Hillary reported experiencing abuse, mockery, ridicule, inhumane treatment, and sexual assault by fellow male inmates. Despite Hillary's request for assignment to a special non-binary cell, prison authorities denied it. Their response cited adherence to policies and the XYZ Constitution, which only recognize male and female genders, with prison facilities designed exclusively for males. The ABC organization advocates for legal, policy, and institutional reforms to recognize Hillary's gender identity.

This petition was brought to your office. As the advisor to the Cabinet Secretary for Ministry of diversity, gender, inclusion and belonging, write an advisory letter to the Cabinet Secretary detailing aspects of the laws and policies you want in place to address the concerns raised in the petition. (15 marks).

6. Non-Binary is a broad term that refers to any gender identity that does not fall exclusively within the categories of male or female.
 - a) Discuss the key characteristics that identify the non-binary identity persons. (7 marks)
 - b) Discuss some of the key challenges experienced by the gender diverse communities /persons (8 marks)
7. Cultural norms and stereotypes often perpetuate gender-based violence to gender diverse groups. Using relevant examples and intersectional analysis,
 - a) Explore how these norms interact with factors such as race, class and sexuality to perpetuate GBV. (7 marks)
 - b) Discuss effective strategies and interventions that challenge these cultural attitudes and behaviors, emphasizing the importance of intersectional approaches in combating GBV. (8 marks)
8. Gender diversity is an umbrella term that is used to describe gender identities that demonstrate a diversity of expression beyond the binary framework.
 - a) Outline the key aspects of Gender identity? (5Marks)
 - b) Why is gender diversity important? Please give examples. (5 Marks)
 - c) What challenges can be encountered while addressing the issues of gender diversity? (5 Marks)