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HSR 704: RIGHTS AND POLICIES RELATING TO GENDER SPECTRUM, GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION.

Date :

TIME : Three (3) Hours Start-----End.....

Instructions

- 1) This paper has two sections; Section A and Section B
- 2) Answer **ALL** questions in **Section A**
- 3) For **Section B**, answer **any two (2)** questions of your choice
- 4) Use the university examination booklets provided
- 5) Write your student registration number on all your answer sheets

Note:

Section A: answer all questions 60 marks.

Section B: two questions of your choice -40 marks each 20 marks.

SECTION A (Answer all Questions)

1. In 2020, the ABC organization, based in Wakanda, petitioned the government on behalf of one of its members, 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. (20 marks).

2. Critically analyze the gender binary framework and its implications for healthcare access among gender-diverse individuals, with reference to international and regional human rights standards. (20 marks)
3. Examine the legal and policy implementation challenges and strategies for effective policy implements
 - a) What challenges affect implementation of laws and policies that protect gender and sexual minorities? (10 marks)
 - b) How best can we ensure effective implementation of laws and policies that protect gender and sexual minorities? (10 marks)

SECTION B (Answer any 2 questions)

4. Adul, an intersex youth from a low-income rural community and a member of a marginalized ethnic group in South Sudan, experiences frequent verbal and physical abuse in his village. His gender expression does not align with local cultural expectations, and he is often accused of bringing shame to his family. After a violent assault at a community event, Adul is hospitalized with internal injuries and long term trauma symptoms. Local authorities dismiss his case, calling it “an embarrassment to the community,” and healthcare providers delay treatment, citing confusion over his gender identity. Cultural norms and stereotypes often perpetuate gender based violence (GBV) against gender diverse individuals.
 - a) Using Adul’s case, explore how cultural norms interact with factors such as ethnicity, class, and gender identity to perpetuate GBV. (10 marks)

- b) Discuss effective legal, policy, and community level strategies that challenge these cultural attitudes and behaviors. Emphasize the importance of intersectional approaches in addressing GBV against gender diverse persons. (10 marks)
5. Examine the application of these principles in relation to gender diverse groups, particularly within the framework of African cultural values, traditions, and social systems.
- a) Autonomy (10 marks)
- b) Justice (10 marks)
6. Understanding the formation of gender identity requires distinguishing between the related concepts of gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, while recognizing the diversity within the gender spectrum.
- a) Define and differentiate between the concepts of gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, using practical examples. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the importance of inclusivity in legal and policy frameworks when addressing the needs of gender diverse populations. (10 marks)

