

Exam JUR5710/JUR1710 -International Human Rights Law: Institutions and Procedures

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You should reply to TWO of the three questions below.

Each question carries equal weight.

Q1: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948 includes civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights which were later included into the two International Covenants. There has been an on- going debate relating to the legal character of economic, social and cultural rights. Discuss the legal character of these rights in relation to the protection at universal and regional levels.

Q2: The inclusion of group rights in international human rights law has slowly evolved in international human rights law which has essentially been based on individual rights. . Discuss the different aspects of group rights, particularly with respect to the development of human rights standards for the rights of indigenous peoples and minorities, taking into account the substance of these rights and relevant of institutions and mechanisms.

Q3: The protection from torture, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment is a fundamental tenet in international human rights law both at universal and regional levels. Discuss and compare the mechanisms and institutions involved in the monitoring of the prohibition against torture in international law and give your opinion on their effectiveness. You answer should also include an analysis of the content of the right.