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**COURSE CODE: LAW 242 (PUL 242)  
COURSE TITLE: HUMAN RIGHTS LAW II  
CREDIT UNIT: 4  
TIME ALLOWED: 2 ½ HOURS  
INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER FOUR QUESTIONS ONLY.  
QUESTION ONE IS COMPULSORY**

**QUESTION**

1. Alhaji Musa has just married his new bride Halima, a fifteen year old girl from Niger Republic. However, the Chief Priest in his Village told him that Halima is a witch and is the cause of his financial misfortunes. Angry Alhaji Musa sent Halima packing from his home, took away her set of twins and divorced her. Halima who is unhappy with her current predicament has come to meet you, a human rights activist. Advice Halima on the Nigerian situation with regards to discrimination against women and the role of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the Optional Protocol. (25 marks).
2. What has been the attitude of the courts in interpreting the Geneva Convention on the determination of refugee status? (15 marks).
3. Discuss the distinctive way in which the Inter America system for the protection of Human Rights operates in comparison with the European system. (15 marks).
4. Ibim's husband was shot by policemen on his way back from work. She is unable to afford a lawyer to prosecute the case in court. She has lost all hope of getting justice and left everything in the hands of fate. However, her friend Boma, brought her to you as a human rights lawyer and activist to take up her

case. Advise her stating how petitions to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights can effect political and legal changes using Ken Saro-Wiwa as a case study. (15 marks).

5. Idris is a twelve year old boy. He was joined with other boys his age to fight the civil war in his country. They have been put in a camp headed by one Mr. Aicee. After a month, other members of the camp are unhappy with the way Mr. Aicee has been handling their affairs and as such revolted against his leadership. What powers and duties does the international community have in rescuing Idris and the other boys? (15 marks).
6. Write short notes on the following:
  - (a) Specific Performance
  - (b) Order of Mandamus
  - (c) Order of Prohibition (15 marks).