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LL.B. DEGREE PROGRAMME- LEVEL 6

CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TEST 1- 2022/2023

LLU 6717- INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

DURATION – 01 HOUR



Date: 24.09.2023

Time: 09.30 a.m.- 10.30 a.m.

Total No. of questions – 02

Answer one (1) question only.

Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting.

(1) Intellectual origins of human rights lie in the idea of natural rights and social contract theory developed by liberal theorists in the 17th-18th centuries.

Do you agree with this statement? Critically discuss the intellectual foundations of human rights with appropriate examples. (20 marks)

(2) Explain how the United Nations has been instrumental in developing international human rights law as a branch of international law, and thus transforming the moral claim of human rights into a legal claim. Your answer should contain appropriate examples from the history of human rights. (20 marks)

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