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**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (HONOURS) IN POLICE AND
SECURITY STUDIES**

PS 202: Human Rights and Policing

Duration: 3 hours (100 marks)

JUN 2024

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Answer **Question 1** and any other three.
2. Each question carries 25 marks.
3. Cell phones are not allowed into the examination room.
4. Begin each answer to a fresh question on a new page.
5. Credit shall be given for referring to case law, statutes or any other authorities wherever possible.

Question 1 (Compulsory)

The principle of proportionality requires police officers to carefully assess the situation and choose the appropriate level of force necessary to achieve their legitimate law enforcement objectives while minimising harm and respecting human rights.

Discuss how the principle of proportionality be applied in different policing scenarios?

[Total 25 marks].

Question 2

Discuss the importance of accountability and oversight mechanisms in ensuring the respect for human rights by the police service in Zimbabwe. Identify and describe specific accountability mechanisms that exist at the national level.

[Total 25 marks]

Question 3

Explain the purpose of international standards that govern the use of force and firearms by law enforcement agencies. Discuss the principles outlined in these standards and their relevance to policing in Zimbabwe.

[Total 25 marks]

Question 4

Explain the concept of human rights and their significance in the context of policing in Zimbabwe. Discuss how the protection of human rights should guide the actions of law enforcement officers. [Total 25 marks]

Question 5

a) Explain the meaning and importance of *non-derogable* rights as enshrined in the Constitution of Zimbabwe. Identify and describe specific *non-derogable* rights guaranteed by the Constitution and explain why they are considered fundamental and inviolable even during times of emergency or crisis. (10 marks)

b) Briefly discuss the following concepts:

i. Civil and political rights (5 marks)

ii. Socio economic rights (5 marks)

iii. Solidarity rights (5 marks)

[Total 25 marks]

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