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MDG 505: HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT
TIME 3 HOURS

**ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS. MARKS FOR EACH QUESTION ARE
INDICATED IN BRACKETS [].**

Questions

1. "It has been argued by various scholars that the Unilateral Declaration of Human Rights (1948) is no longer relevant in addressing the human rights concerns in the 21st century." To what extent do you agree or disagree with this claim? Give reasons. [25]
2. "Human rights covenants and treaties limit development in newly industrializing economies." To what extent do you agree with this claim? [25]
3. How can cultural relativism be used to justify different concepts of human rights? [25]
4. Compare and contrast the approaches towards the endorsement and implementation of human rights by an institution (e.g., international courts) and by a non-institution (e.g., NGOs). [25]
5. In what ways do the complex realities and relationships of power in global politics affect the idealistic achievement of the concept of human rights goals? [25]

END OF EXAMINATION