

HUMR 5702 Human Rights and Sustainable Development: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Theory and Practices.

Exam paper, April 14 -April 24th, 2023.

Answer ONE of the following questions.

1. You are a manager of an NGO programme addressing woman's sexual and reproductive health in a lower middle income country called Neperia. For several years the programme has largely been about addressing service provision. But frustrated with seeing the same patterns of ill-health repeated, you seek instead to implement a Rights-Based approach to gender and health. Write a report back to Head Quarters in which you do the following:
 - a. Justify why the change in direction is necessary, using examples from your work
 - b. Define the elements of a Rights Based approach
 - c. Identify some of the assumptions about what it is you seek to change and apply them to at least one specific example of your programme
 - d. Base the above on academic literature, but also policy related work too

2. According to the UN, current environmental challenges threaten to undermine the developmental gains of the last 50 years. Conversely, development projects, particularly in so-called "developing" countries, tend to take the form of over-exploitation of resources such as minerals, oil, fisheries and forests and cause extensive environmental destruction. Is development unavoidably in conflict with the environment and planetary boundaries? Consider the following in your answer:
 - a. How does environmental destruction require us to think differently about development?
 - b. Could development and environmental protection be reconciled through sustainable development and/or a human right to a healthy and sustainable environment?
 - c. You may refer to case studies or up to two of the Sustainable Development Goals to illustrate your answer.

3. Human rights have been slow in conceptualising and measuring impact of their interventions. How can we measure the impact of human rights upon development? Illustrate by reference to one specific sector: health, housing or the environment, by using one or more (whether legal or non-legal) cases.

Total length of the essay: 4000 words maximum – word limit exceeding this amount will not proceed to marking.

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