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Course: **Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law**  
Semester-VI (Batch: 2014-19)

**Mid Semester Test: Feb-Mar. 2017**

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2017

Duration: 2 hours

Max. Marks: 30

**Instructions:**

- Read the questions properly and write the answers in the given answer book.
- The respective marks for each question are indicated in-line.
- Do not write any thing on the question paper.
- Indicate correct question numbers in front of the answers.
- No questions or clarifications can be sought during the exam period, answer as it is, giving reason, if any.
- **Bare Act is not allowed.**

Q.1 Answer the following:

**Marks**  
(3x5=  
15)

- (a) Human rights are ever changing, constantly dependent on the change in the political, economic, social or environmental structures of the State. The right to clean environment has become the concern of many countries. Does this concern suggest that human rights are dynamic? Think of and write three other issues that reflect the dynamic nature of human rights.
- (b) One day Roonka, a ten years old boy was playing in the field. Another twelve years old boy Roonja, was watching him from the balcony. He (Roonja) could not resist and found himself running towards the ground to play. Roonka and his friends refused to play with him because he was a servant in Roonka's house. So, Roonja sat in the corner and played by himself. Later when he returned home, Roonka was immediately given a glass of milk by his mother whereas Roonja was scolded for not doing the house hold chores on time. Do you find this example is of human rights violation? Elucidate on basic nature of human rights. List different human rights that are violated in the above illustration.
- (c) In several recent pending court cases, where parents have sought their children exempted from certain school activities like Yoga, Meditation, class of Moral, plays on history of specific religion etc. on the grounds that the children's participation in those activities violates their (the parents') right to freedom of religion. These parents sought to prevent their children from exposure to beliefs or practices opposed to their (the parents') religious convictions. Do you find any role of the government in the state?

Q.2 International law as a legal order is distinguished from national or inter-organizational legal orders by the lack of a central enforcement authority. This major deficiency is painfully felt in the field of international protection of human rights. 'Sovereignty' of states understood as their supreme authority and independence is being identified as the major factor responsible for such a lamentable state of affairs regarding the internationally controlled implementation of human rights. Discuss the state sovereignty in context to international human rights protection. (07)