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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For the following qualifications :-

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Answer **THREE** questions. There are **TEN** questions on this paper. If you decide to answer a question on the same general topic as that of your assessed essay or your project, write on a different aspect of it and make a brief note to this effect in your answer.

1. To what extent has a human rights approach or legislation been able to reverse the reluctance of governments to protect women from violence?
2. How might medical knowledge inform courts seeking to determine whether or not the death penalty amounts to cruel or unusual punishment?
3. Critically assess the contribution of any human rights NGO with which you are familiar to the prevention of torture.
4. 'While courts in the west have become more expansive in their interpretation of refugee asylum laws, governments have erected more and more obstacles to prevent refugees from reaching safety.' Do you agree?
5. According to General Comment 14, the right to health [ICESCR Article 12] includes the following core obligation, which is non-derogable:
'to ensure the right of access to health facilities, goods and services on a non-discriminatory basis, especially for vulnerable or marginalized groups;'
What implications might this have for the United Kingdom?
6. 'Owing to their privileged access to places of detention and because of their medical and forensic skills, doctors would be a critical part of any early warning system about gross violations of human rights.' What problems might doctors encounter in responding to such violations and how might they overcome them?
7. The success of various HIV/AIDS interventions is known to be influenced by the degree to which human rights are promoted and protected. Explain how the absence of human rights fosters HIV infection.
8. Consider the evidence that an appreciation of human rights influences the practice of medicine in the UK.
9. 'State interference in the right to life and physical security is never justifiable.' Discuss with reference to Article 2 (Right to Life) and Article 3 (Prohibition of Torture) of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.
10. Contrast the approaches of the UN Committee against Torture with those of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture.

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