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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR
BACHELOR OF ARTS (GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES)
AGD 316: GENDER, CHILDREN AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES IN AFRICA

DATE:15/4/2019

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and any other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS) (COMPULSORY)

- a) The United Nations convention on the rights of the child has been ratified by most nations of the world. However, many cases of children's rights violations are still being reported. Discuss why the implementation of the UN convention has faced many difficulties. (6 marks)
- b) Discuss the laws and conventions that are in place to protect the rights of children (4 marks)
- c) Examine the role that development agencies play in protecting the rights of the child in Africa (8 marks)
- d) Explain the different types of child labour and their effects on the child (8 marks)
- e) Discuss factors that have led to low enrollment rates among females in education and training institutions in Africa (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the impact that armed conflict has had on children in Africa. (10 marks)
- b) The United Nations convention on the rights of the child has 54 articles written to protect the child. Explain five articles for child protection as provided by the convention. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the shortcomings of the African charter on the protection of children rights. (10 marks)
- b) Describe how African governments can ensure that both boys and girls attain proper education. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) The African charter on the protection of the child protects children of imprisoned mothers in Article 30. State the rights of children according to this article. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the situations that necessitate the use of alternative care for children in Africa (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Analyze the differences between the United Nations convention on the rights of the child and the African charter on protection of children rights (10 marks)
- b) Gender issues affect the access of healthcare for children. Discuss these issues and provide possible solutions. (10 marks)