

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 086
(For candidates admitted from the academic year 2023 – 2024 & thereafter)

M. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2026
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
FOURTH SEMESTER

COURSE : CORE
PAPER : HUMAN RIGHTS
SUBJECT CODE : 23IS/PC/HR44
TIME : 3 HOURS **MAX. MARKS: 100**

Q. No.	SECTION A Answer Any 6 out of 8 questions in 30 words. (6x2=12 Marks)	CO	KL
1.	Define the term 'Human Rights'.	CO1	K1
2.	What is the landmark document in the history of human rights?	CO1	K1
3.	Name any two categories of human rights as classified in international law.	CO1	K1
4.	What is the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)? State the year of its adoption.	CO1	K1
5.	Define 'Refugees' as understood in the international convention.	CO1	K1
6.	What is meant by 'Genocide'? Give one recent example.	CO1	K1
7.	What are the three objectives of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of India?	CO1	K1
8.	Define 'Development-Induced Displacement' with two examples.	CO1	K1
Q. No.	SECTION B Answer any 3 out of 5 questions in 250 words (3x8=24 Marks)	CO	KL
9.	Assess the human rights dimension of development-induced displacement in India with reference to indigenous communities	CO2	K2
10.	Explain any two theoretical frameworks of Human Rights. How do these frameworks differ in their understanding of rights?	CO2	K2
11.	Describe the structure and mandate of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC).	CO2	K2
12.	Explain the role and functions of Amnesty International and in the protection of human rights globally.	CO2	K2
13.	Describe the key provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR).	CO2	K2
Q. No.	SECTION C Answer any 2 out of 4 in 350 words (2x10=20 Marks)	CO	KL
14.	With reference to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), apply the concept of Gender-Based Violence to a contemporary case study of your choice.	CO3	K3
15.	Interpret the role of civil society organisations in the global governance of human rights.	CO3	K3

16.	Demonstrate how the rights of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience are addressed under international human rights law.	CO3	K3
17.	Examine the effectiveness of international human rights protection mechanisms with reference to the role of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	CO3	K3
Q. No.	SECTION D Answer any 2 out of 4 questions in 500 words (2x12=24 Marks)	CO	KL
18.	Analyse the impact of globalisation on human rights. Examine how economic liberalisation and multinational corporations have both advanced and undermined human rights standards across the developing world.	CO4	K4
19.	Examine the relationship between democracy, transparency, and accountability as development rights.	CO4	K4
20.	Analyse the challenges faced by Dalits in India from a human rights perspective. Examine whether caste-based discrimination falls within the scope of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD).	CO4	K4
21.	Design a framework for documenting and reporting human rights violations against children in conflict zones, and examine the gaps in existing international child rights laws.	CO4	K4
Q. No	SECTION E Answer any 1 out of 2 in 1000 words (1x20=20 Marks)	CO	KL
22.	Critically evaluate the role of the National Commission for Women and the Minorities Commission in protecting human rights in India. Assess their effectiveness through relevant case studies.	CO5	K5
23.	Critically assess whether the evolution of Human Rights from the Magna Carta to modern instruments like the UDHR and latest developments in conventional human rights law reflect a universal progression of values and socio-political transformations.	CO5	K5
