GRC Oatley Senior Campus

Assessment Task Notification

HSC Legal Studies

Task: Human Rights – Research task and series of short answers to unseen questions

Number: 1 of 4

Due Date: Week 8, Term 4 2014

Fri 28th November 2014– Session 4 – all classes, Level 5

(Note: the task will start promptly at 1.45pm)

Weighting: 10% of HSC Assessment

Duration: 50 minutes

Outcomes to be assessed:

H1. Identifies and applies legal concepts and terminology
H2. Describes and explains key features of and the relationship between Australian and international law
H3. Analyses the operation of domestic and international legal systems
H5. Explains the role of law in encouraging cooperation and resolving conflict, as well as initiating and responding to change

Syllabus Topic: Human Rights

Task Description

Research a contemporary (current) human rights issue which illustrates the promotion and enforcement of human rights. You must choose ONE from the list below:

- Genocide
- Treatment of refugees
- Asylum seekers
- Abuse of children
- Torture
- Capital punishment
- Arbitrary detention
- Religious discrimination
- Discrimination against women
- Exploitation of workers
- Limitations on free speech

In your research you must make notes on the following:

- **Identify/Define** the meaning of the issue
- **Outline** the scope of the issue, domestically and globally
- **Explain** the contributing factors surrounding the issue, domestically and internationally
- **Explain** why the issue is difficult to eradicate
- **Describe** the role of the UN in terms of human rights issues generally
- **Discuss** the significance of the UN in terms of this issue specifically
- **Explain** the various legal and non-legal responses to this issue
- **Examine** how the law encourages cooperation and resolves conflict with regard to this issue, both domestically and internationally

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Procedure

1. Students will be given ONE lesson to research the HUMAN RIGHTS issue. During this lesson the student must demonstrate their progress to their teacher and that the research meets the criteria for ‘All My Own Work’.
2. You need to prepare for all of the above dimensions of the task and follow the directive verb (e.g., explain, discuss, outline etc)
3. On the date of the assessment students are NOT permitted to bring in ANY notes into the room.
4. You will be presented with a number of short answer questions on human rights, which you must then apply your contemporary human rights issue to.
5. You must attempt ALL short answer questions, in order to satisfy the requirements of the task.

Note: Be sure that the issue you choose can be applied to each of the research areas on page 1.

Marking Criteria

You will be assessed on your ability to:

- Research a human rights issue at a domestic and international level, considering legal and non-legal responses.
- Clearly report on every aspect of the issue as specified in the task description.
- Present logical, well-structured answers using relevant terminology
- Integrate relevant legislation, documents, cases, media articles and legal concepts.
- Locate, select, organise, synthesise and analyse legal information from a variety of sources.

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