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Part One: Reading Comprehension

(Score: 42/70)

Read the selection below about the leading role of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and its efforts worldwide and then answer the questions that follow.

International Organizations

1 The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) is a that United Nations agency works to promote and protect the human rights that are guaranteed under international law and stipulated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948. The office was established by the United Nations General Assembly in the wake of the 1993 World Conference on Human Rights.

2 Known as the principal United Nations office to promote and protect human rights, OHCHR leads global human rights efforts devotedly and speaks out objectively against human rights violations worldwide. It provides a medium for identifying, highlighting and developing responses to today's human rights challenges and acts as the principal focal point of human rights research, education, public information and advocacy activities in the United Nations system.

3 Because governments have the primary responsibility to protect human rights, the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) provides assistance to them, such as expertise and technical trainings in the areas of administration of justice, lawmaking and election process to help implement international human rights standards on the ground. It also assists other entities in the responsibility of protecting human rights to fulfil their obligations and individuals to realize their rights.

4 Since the establishment of the United Nations in 1945, promoting and encouraging respect for human rights for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion, as specified in the United Nations Charter, has been one of the fundamental goals of the organization. The OHCHR is concerned with mainstreaming human rights within the United Nations, which means **injecting** a human rights perspective into all United Nations programs. This is to ensure that peace and security, development, and human rights are interlinked and mutually supportive.

5 This task is essential at a time when the United Nations is undergoing its most far-reaching reform. As we face ever changing challenges in the new millennium, the international community puts human rights at center-stage in addressing various pressing issues worldwide.

6 With its leading human rights role and the important task of integrating human rights into the United Nations system, OHCHR works with different entities and parties. It coordinates work with governments, civil society and national human rights institutions.

7 The OHCHR method of work focuses on three major **dimensions**: standard setting, monitoring, and implementation on the ground. Teams at OHCHR work to offer the best expertise, and vital support to the different United Nations human rights bodies. OHCHR, for example, serves as the Secretariat of the Human Rights Council, which is the key intergovernmental body in the United Nations responsible for human rights.

8 Within that framework, the work of special independent experts, and operational groups is supported by OHCHR to monitor human rights in different countries or in relation to specific issues. Independent experts are assisted as they carry out visits to the field, receive and consider direct complaints from victims of human rights violations, and appeal to governments on behalf of victims. Another example of the standard-setting and monitoring dimensions is the legal research and support it provides to the organizations that issue human rights agreements. These independent experts are authorized to make sure that State organizations **fulfil** their human rights treaty obligations. They meet regularly to examine reports from State organizations and issue their recommendations.

9 Finally, OHCHR supreme effort rests in its work on ensuring the realization and implementation of international human rights standards on the ground by involving more countries and by being physically present to observe these standards. Over the years, OHCHR has increased its presence in the field, reaching out to the people who need it the most. Field presence plays a crucial role in identifying, highlighting, and developing responses to human rights challenges, in close collaboration with governments, non-governmental organizations and members of civil society. Among these responses is **monitoring** human rights situations on the ground in addition to executing projects designed in cooperation with member States. These projects include technical trainings and support in the areas of administration of justice and human rights education.

Questions:

A- Answer each of the following in 1-4 sentences, using your own words.

- 1- Based on the selection, what is the relation between United Nations and OHCHR?
(Score:03)
- 2- In paragraph 5, what does “*This task*” refer to? (Score:03)
- 3- What supporting details does the writer use to develop the main idea of paragraph 8?
(Score: 03)
- 4- Based on paragraph 9, what is the increased field presence of OHCHR an example of?
(Score: 03)
- 5- In the opening sentence of paragraph 4, what does the writer imply about the United Nations by saying, “*respect for human rights for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion?*” (Score: 03)
- 6- Write a one-sentence summary of paragraph 3. (Score: 03)

B-

- 1- What type of introduction does the writer use in paragraph 1? What purpose does it serve? **(Score: 03)**
- 2- Based on the selection, how can you best describe the writer's attitude towards OHCHR? Justify. **(Score: 03)**
- 3- What is the writer's purpose in writing this selection? Explain. **(Score: 03)**

C- Copy the table below and then write the number of paragraph(s) that correspond(s) to each of the following headings. **(Score: 04)**

Heading	Number of Paragraph(s)
1- Mainstreaming Human Rights in UN System	
2- Implementation on the Ground	
3- Standard-setting and Monitoring	
4- Partnerships	

D- The reading selection has nine paragraphs (1→9). Each of the following extracts (A and B) is the correct part that completes ONE paragraph in the selection. Read extracts A and B carefully and then choose from paragraphs (1→9) the one that fits with each extract. **(Score: 04)**

Extract A- At the United Nations World Summit in 2005, world leaders reaffirmed the pioneering role of OHCHR in responding to the broad range of human rights challenges facing the international community today to ensure its wide reform process of the millennium.

Extract B- It also works with other United Nations entities and international organizations, such as the International Labor Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Criminal Court, and the World Bank in their efforts to promote and protect human rights.

E- Based on the indicated paragraphs, what does each underlined pronoun refer to? **(Score: 03)**

- 1- them (Paragraph 3)
- 2- their (Paragraph 3)
- 3- it (Paragraph 9)

F- Give the meaning of the following words using contextual clues. **(Score: 04)**

- 1- injecting (Paragraph 4)
- 2- dimensions (Paragraph 7)
- 3- fulfil (Paragraph 8)
- 4- monitoring (Paragraph 9)

Part Two: Writing

(Score: 28/70)

Choose ONE of the following prompts:

Prompt (A): Read the following statement from a debate about the role of international organizations in ensuring human rights.

Some critics question the effectiveness and relevance of the role of international organizations in ensuring human rights because of the repeated violation of human rights policies. They believe that protecting human rights should be the responsibility of local governments exclusively in order to guarantee an enforced implementation of human rights.

Write an argumentative essay in which you argue *for* or *against* the above statement. As you develop your essay, support your position by drawing on logical reasoning and experience. In your supporting paragraphs provide relevant, specific, and adequate evidence and examples from your reading, experience or observation. Your essay should be between 400-500 words with an appropriate title. Revise and proofread your essay.


Prompt (B): Read the following statement about the importance of protecting human rights.

The rights to life, equality, freedom etc. are important for living in peace. Governments, as well as individuals, have the responsibility to protect these rights. Yet, ensuring these rights requires much effort to achieve positive results.

Write an essay in which you explain the above statement. As you develop your essay, refer to the role of governments and individuals in ensuring human rights and then explain the positive consequences of realizing human rights on society and individuals

In your essay, provide a thesis statement in the introduction, a topic sentence in each body paragraph and support the main idea with relevant, specific and adequate details. Give examples drawn from your reading, experience or observation. Your essay should be between 400-500 words with an appropriate title. Revise and proofread your essay.

Your essay will be evaluated based on ideas (Score:12 ¼), language and style (Score: 12 ¼), tidiness and handwriting (Score:3 ½)

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أسس التصحيح:

A-

- 1- OHCHR is a United Nations agency that works as the principal United Nations office to promote and protect the human rights within the United Nations system.
- 2- “This task” refers to the work of OHCHR on mainstreaming the human rights perspective into United Nations programs.
- 3- The writer uses examples of the standard setting and monitoring dimensions of OHCHR work. One example is supporting the independent experts in monitoring human rights implementation. Another example relates to legal research assistance of OHCHR to State organizations to make sure human rights obligations are implemented.
- 4- The increased presence of OHCHR is an example of its effort to ensure the recognition and implementation of international human rights standards on the ground.
- 5- The writer implies that the United Nations body works for the benefit of the whole world without any kind of discrimination.
- 6- OHCHR provides legal assistance to governments to implement human rights standards and to other entities and individuals to realize these rights.

B-

- 1- The writer uses definition and historical background about OHCHR to orient the reader and introduce the topic.
- 2- It is an attitude of appreciation and admiration of OHCHR. The writer describes it by saying it leads “devotedly” and speaks out “objectively” against human rights violations. The writer also refers to the “pioneering” role of OHCHR and its “crucial” role in responding to human rights challenges”. In addition, the writer refers to “the best” expertise it offers and its “supreme” effort to validate the realization of human rights standards.
- 3- The writer’s purpose is to inform the reader about the OHCHR role in promoting, protecting and realizing human rights in collaboration with State partners worldwide.

C-

Heading	Number of Paragraph(s)
1- Mainstreaming Human Rights in UN System	4 & 5
2- Implementation on the ground	9
3- Standard-setting and monitoring	7 & 8
4- Partnerships	6

D- Extract A is the correct part that completes paragraph 5.

Extract B is the correct part that completes paragraph 6.

E-

- 1- “them” in paragraph 3 refers to governments.
- 2- “their” in paragraph 3 refers to other entities.
- 3- “it” in paragraph 9 refers to OHCHR presence.

F-

- 1- “injecting” means incorporating; bringing in.
- 2- “dimensions” means components; aspects.
- 3- “fulfil” means achieve; accomplish.
- 4- “monitoring” means supervising; observing.