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ESSAY QUESTIONS

Junior essay questions (800 words)

- "The one who is free should help the one who is not free" Dr. Sasa, our Burmese local partner. How important is the international community in improving the human rights of people living in different countries, and why?
- Numerous children in northern Nigeria have been denied the chance to seek education by the terrorist group Boko Haram. Why is education so vital to development and/or democracy, and what does it mean to you?
- Explain Human Rights and freedom as you understand it. How do you think it is different from how another child in a developing country would see it? Refer to one or more of the countries we work with.
- In South Sudan, Uganda and Burma there are large numbers of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees. Referring to one of these countries, argue what the best course of policy should be toward IDPs and refugees.
- In your mind, what does it mean for a country to be developed? Refer to one or more of the countries we work with.
- You have been granted one hour to discuss one of the countries in which HART works with Prime Minister Theresa May. What would be the key human rights issue you would discuss?
- Timor-Leste has one of the highest childhood malnutrition rates in the world. Describe what you think life might be like if you had to struggle to find food every day.
- HART works on human rights issues that often go overlooked. Referring to a country or issue we work on, explain why you think this so important.



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Senior essay questions (1,200 words)

- Aung Suu Kyi has in the past called on the international community to 'use your liberty to promote ours'. What should be the key actions and/or stances of the international community now that the NLD has come into power?
- Discuss the roles and impact of different actors in Nagorno-Karabakh's struggle for recognised statehood.
- Although the Lord's Resistance Army has seemingly reduced its violent activities and moved out of Uganda, it has left a generation of children scarred both mentally and physically. How should the country go about resolving such issues?
- According to the World Food Program, over one-third of the population of Timor-Leste regularly experience food shortages. How can food insecurity negatively affect the country's development?
- Civilians often bear the brunt of conflict between the government and rebel groups. To what extent can foreign and international organisations intervene to improve the situation in Sudan and/or South Sudan which are both torn apart by civil war?
- What can the Nigerian government do to encourage and initiate religious reconciliation in the country?
- For countries steeped in traditional practices, what are the difficulties and solutions in creating an effective human rights discourse?



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- In Amartya Sen's 'Freedom as Development', Sen argues that "Famines are easy to prevent if there is a serious effort to do so, and a democratic government, facing elections and criticisms from opposition parties and independent newspapers, cannot help but make such an effort." To what extent is a lack of democracy the reason why countries such as Sudan, South Sudan and Nigeria are facing severe food shortages?
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- For countries steeped in traditional practices, what are the difficulties and solutions in creating an effective human rights discourse?
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- What does it mean for a country to become 'developed'?
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- Some governments ban NGOs from providing humanitarian access or aid to local communities. How should we react when aid is weaponised?
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- Human Rights can sometimes be dismissed as a western concept. Using one or more of the countries HART works with, explain why this view could occur and/or suggest how you go about promoting ownership of Human Rights.