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# ESSAY QUESTIONS

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## Junior & Intermediate Essay Questions (800 words)

- "The one who is free should help the one who is not free" - Dr. Sasa, spokesperson of the National Unity Government and HART's former local partner in Chin state, Burma. How important is the international community in improving the human rights of people living in different countries, and why?
- Numerous children in northern and central Nigeria have been denied the chance to seek education by the terrorist groups Boko Haram, Fulani militia, and ISWAP. 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.
- Why do you think it is important for humanitarian organisations to work with local partners? In your answer use examples referring to one or more of the countries we work with.
- Many of the countries HART works with are experiencing the effects of climate change. What can we do to raise awareness of climate change and its impact on global conflicts?
- You have been granted one hour to discuss one of the countries in which HART works with Prime Minister Rishi Sunak. What would be the key human rights issue you would discuss?
- 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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## Advanced Essay Questions (1,200 words)

- 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.
- 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 been overthrown by the Burmese military?
- "We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim" (Elie Wiesel - author and Nobel Peace Prize Winner for his efforts in defending human rights and peace). Do you agree with this assertion? In your essay reference debates surrounding this humanitarian principle as well as illustrating your position with reference to one or more of the countries we work with.
- Discuss the roles and impact of different actors in Nagorno-Karabakh's struggle for recognised statehood.
- 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 have both been 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?

Remember: Advanced essays must be properly referenced, in your own preferred referencing style. The word count does not include footnotes or bibliographies.