True/False Review for Chapter 16 – Humanitarianism: Human Rights and Refugees

Number your page from 1 to 9 and write T or true and F for false. There is no need to rewrite the question.

1. There is a unanimous agreement around the world regarding what constitutes human rights.  
   True False

2. International or transnational actions in support of human rights often directly violate or challenge state sovereignty.  
   True False

3. The killing of newborn girls is a fairly common phenomenon in both rural India and China.  
   True False

4. Traditionally, Americans have placed the rights of the community above those of the individual.  
   True False

5. Individual accountability for crimes against the laws of nations such as piracy on the high seas was established centuries ago, but it was left to domestic courts to try these individuals.  
   True False

6. The International Court of Justice can only hear cases that are brought before it voluntarily by states.  
   True False

7. Most refugee crises are not the act of war, but instead the act of nature, such as weather (droughts, floods, etc.).  
   True False

8. John Locke argued that people have natural rights that include life and liberty.  
   True False

9. Latin America and Africa have led the way in promoting international human rights.  
   True False

DISCUSSION TOPIC – Reply in one paragraph.

What conflicts exist between state sovereignty and concerns for human rights? Which should take precedent and why? What are the consequences of giving sovereignty priority over human rights? What are the consequences of giving human rights priority over state sovereignty?

ACTIVITY – Reply in one paragraph.

Visit the Human Rights Watch web site and the Amnesty International web site

www.hrw.org       www.amnesty.org

Research the topic of “Refugees” at both organizations. Compare their coverage and describe similarities and differences. Which organization appeals to you most and why?