

Question 2

Answer: b

The United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child is a human rights treaty that sets out the basic human rights to which all children are entitled: the right to survival; to develop to the fullest; to protection from harmful influences, abuse and exploitation; and to participate fully in family, cultural and social life.

The Convention also contains four core principles which include non-discrimination, the best interests of the child, the right to life, survival and development, and respect for the views of the child.

Canada ratified the Convention in 1991. Canada is also a party to the two Optional Protocols to the Convention: the Optional Protocol on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict (which Canada ratified in 2000); and the Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography (which Canada ratified in 2005).