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Section A: Briefly describe any THREE of the following concepts:

1) Ratification / Reservations
2) Guiding principles of the UNCRC
3) Declaration vs. Convention
4) Protection rights vs. Provision rights
5) Child liberationist / Caretaker thesis

Section B: Choose ONE topic and write an essay

1. It has been suggested that the UNCRC advocates a certain perspective of childhood that does not adequately reflect the life circumstances of many of the world’s children. Explain what this statement means, and exemplify some of the challenges that have appeared when the UNCRC has been implemented in different local cultural contexts.

2. The UNCRC is a comprehensive document containing a range of rights covering different areas. Explain the general principles and types of rights of the UNCRC, and discuss some ambiguities and tensions argued to be inherent to this convention.