



RIARA SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & DIPLOMACY

NURTURING INNOVATORS

JANUARY–APRIL 2024 TRIMESTER

EXAMINATIONS FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & DIPLOMACY DAY PROGRAMME

RIR 054: FUNDAMENTALS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

DATE: JANUARY - APRIL 2024

TIME: 2 HOURS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Students are NOT permitted to write on the examination paper during reading time. This is a closed-book examination. Textbooks/Reference books/notes are not permitted.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1 Write your REGISTRATION NO. Clearly on the answer booklet(s).
- 2 Answer Question One and ANY other TWO questions.
- 3 Questions in all sections should be answered in the answer booklet(s).
- 4 Marks allocated to each question are shown at the end of the question.
- 5 PLEASE start the answer to EACH question on a NEW PAGE.
- 6 For the questions, write the number of the question on the answer booklet(s) in the order you answered them.
- 7 Write your answers in paragraph form unless stated otherwise.
- 8 Keep your phone(s) SWITCHED OFF at the front of the examination room.
- 9 Keep ALL bags and caps at the front of the examination room and do not refer to any
Unauthorized material before or during the course of the examination.
- 10 You are only allowed to leave the examination room 30minutes to the end of the Examination.

SECTION A: (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS).

Question One

- a) Explain the concept of International Law and its importance in the global legal framework. **(5 marks)**
- b) Identify and Discuss the sources of International Law. Provide examples for each source. **(10 marks)**
- c) Identify and Analyze the subjects of International Law. Explain their rights, obligations, and legal capacity in the international legal system. **(15 marks)**

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS (40 MARKS)

Question Two (20 marks)

- a) Describe the historical development of international human rights law. Discuss the key milestones and events that have shaped the field. **(10 marks)**
- b) Compare and contrast the principles of universal and regional human rights instruments. Provide examples of each and explain the differences in their scope and enforcement mechanisms. **(10 marks)**

Question Three (20 Marks)

- a) Explain the principles and scope of international humanitarian law. Discuss how it applies to armed conflicts and provides protection to civilians, prisoners of war, and other affected individuals. **(10 marks)**
- b) Analyze the challenges and controversies surrounding the application of international humanitarian law in modern warfare. Provide examples and discuss potential solutions to address these challenges. **(10 marks)**

Question Four (20 Marks)

- a) Discuss the principles and concepts of international environmental law. Explain how it addresses issues such as biodiversity, climate change, and transboundary pollution. **(10 marks)**
- b) Evaluate the effectiveness of international legal frameworks in regulating and protecting the environment. Discuss the challenges faced in implementing and enforcing environmental treaties and propose possible strategies for improvement. **(10 marks)**

Question Five (20 marks)

- a) Explain the concept of the territorial sea, exclusive economic zones, and the high seas under the international law of the sea. Discuss the rights and obligations of coastal states and other states in these areas. **(10 marks)**

- b) Analyze the mechanisms and procedures available for the settlement of disputes related to the law of the sea. Compare and contrast diplomatic negotiation, mediation, adjudication through international courts and tribunals, and arbitration as methods of dispute resolution. **(10 marks)**