



RIARA SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & DIPLOMACY

NURTURING INNOVATORS

SEPTEMBER–DECEMBER 2023 TRIMESTER

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

RIR 105: INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL LAW

DATE: SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2023

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) Identify and explain the first primary source of international law. Provide examples to illustrate how this source is applied in the development and interpretation of international legal norms. **(10 marks)**
- b) Identify and explain the second primary source of international law. Provide examples to illustrate how this source is applied in the development and interpretation of international legal norms. **(10 marks)**
- c) Identify and explain the third primary source of international law. Provide examples to illustrate how this source is applied in the development and interpretation of international legal norms. **(10 marks)**

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS (40 MARKS)

Question Two (20 marks)

- a) Discuss the concept of international legal personality and its significance in the field of international law. **(10 marks)**
- b) Analyze the criteria that determine the recognition of states and non-state entities as subjects of international law. **(10 marks)**

Question Three (20 Marks)

- a) Explain the different approaches taken by legal systems in determining the relationship between municipal (domestic) law and international law. **(10 marks)**
- b) Provide examples to illustrate how this relationship is navigated in practice. **(10 marks)**

Question Four (20 Marks)

- a) Explain the sources and principles underlying human rights in international law. **(10 marks)**
- b) Analyze the challenges faced in implementing and enforcing human rights standards at the international level. **(10 marks)**

Question Five (20 marks)

- a) Discuss the different legal frameworks and principles that govern the use of force in international relations. **(10 marks)**

- b) Analyze the role of international law in the resolution of armed conflicts and the maintenance of international peace and security. **(10 marks)**