



RIARA SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & DIPLOMACY

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JANUARY–APRIL 2024 TRIMESTER

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

RIR 105: INTRODUCTION TO 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 regulating relations between countries. **(10 marks)**
- b) Identify and describe the primary sources of international law. Provide examples to illustrate each source. **(10 marks)**
- c) Analyze the relationship between municipal law and international law. Discuss the key principles governing this relationship and provide examples to support your analysis. **(10 marks)**

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS (40 MARKS)

Question Two (20 marks)

- a) Discuss the concept of international legal personality and its application to states. Explain the criteria for statehood and the rights and obligations of states under international law. **(10 marks)**
- b) Examine the legal personality of international organizations. Discuss the sources of their authority and their role in the international legal system. Provide examples of prominent international organizations and their functions. **(10 marks)**

Question Three (20 Marks)

- a) Compare and contrast the various dispute resolution mechanisms in international law. Discuss their advantages and limitations in resolving international disputes. **(10 marks)**
- b) Choose one specific dispute resolution mechanism and analyze a recent case where this mechanism was employed to resolve an international dispute. Evaluate the effectiveness of the chosen mechanism in that particular case. **(10 marks)**

Question Four (20 Marks)

- a) Explain the international human rights framework and its significance in international law. **(10 marks)**
- b) Analyze a specific human rights issue, focusing on the violation of human rights and the role played by international law in addressing the issue. Discuss the challenges and potential solutions in promoting and protecting human rights in the context of the chosen case. **(10 marks)**

Question Five (20 marks)

- a) Discuss the principles governing the use of force in international law. Examine the legal framework for the use of force, including the United Nations Charter and customary international law. **(10 marks)**

- b) Analyze a recent case or conflict where the use of force was involved. Evaluate the legality of the use of force in that particular case, taking into consideration the principles and exceptions provided by international law. **(10 marks)**