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SEMESTER I END EXAMINATION

International Law Governing Peace and War – TLLM11314
(Three Hours)

Total Number of Questions: 04

Answer **THREE (03)** Questions and **no More**.
(Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting.)

Question 01

‘Peace is not merely the absence of war, it is the presence of law and order, human dignity and justice.’

In light of the above statement, critically analyze the significance of international law in establishing peace, law and order, human dignity, and justice in the contemporary world. Support your answer by referring to relevant principles and sources of international law considering both the scope and nature of international law.

(20 Marks)

Question 02

‘States employ diverse practices in incorporating and implementing international treaties within their domestic legal systems. As a result, the legal status of a ratified treaty may remain ambiguous in the absence of an enabling statute explicitly incorporating it at the domestic sphere. Nevertheless, it may provide more authority to the judiciary than the legislature to recognize the international law principles embedded in the treaty ratified by States parties.’

Do you agree with the above statement? Critically examine diverse State practices in relation to implementation of international law in domestic legal systems. Your answer should refer to at least two jurisdictions of your choice including Sri Lanka.

(20 Marks)

Question 03

‘While severe humanitarian crises result in extensive human rights violations, particularly in times of war, the application of human rights law and the efficacy of its monitoring and protecting mechanisms face formidable challenges.’

Critically analyse the above statement in light of the role of international human rights law and related bodies and mechanisms in monitoring and protecting human rights with special reference to humanitarian crises and armed conflicts.

(20 Marks)

Question 04

‘The contemporary world presents a complex and rapidly evolving landscape of armed conflicts. As a result, the traditional definitions, and classifications of armed conflict under international humanitarian law are increasingly challenged.’

In light of the above statement, critically examine the applicability of the core principles of international humanitarian law to modern-day armed conflicts with special reference to differently classified armed conflicts and the violations therein. Substantiate your answer with relevant examples.

(20 Marks)
