

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA
FACULTY OF LAW
DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAW IN PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL LAW
SEMESTER I END EXAMINATION - 2024/25

TLLM 11314 - International Law Governing Peace and War
(Three Hours)

Total Number of Questions: 04

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

Question - 1

‘International law, as a legal regime, evolves through the ebbs and flows of time and continues to address global challenges effectively. However, its role in fostering peace over war remains criticized, as it often falls short of preventing conflicts.’

Do you agree with this statement? Critically examine the contemporary significance of international law, considering its nature and sources. Support your answer with relevant authorities and examples.

(20 Marks)

Question 02

Critically evaluate the effectiveness of the peaceful dispute settlement mechanisms under the United Nations System in maintaining international peace and security, considering the prohibition of the use of force under Article 2(4) of the UN Charter and the potential necessity of retaining force as a tool of last resort.

Support your answer with the relevant authorities and contemporary examples.

(20 Marks)

Question 03

Critically examine the complex relationship between international law and domestic law, focusing on judicial intervention in implementing international human rights treaty norms at the national level. Analyze how national courts can address legislative inaction by incorporating these treaties into domestic law while maintaining respect for the principle of separation of powers.

Your analysis should focus specifically on Sri Lanka and one additional jurisdiction of your choice.

(20 Marks)

Question 04

Select either International Humanitarian Law or International Criminal Law and evaluate its effectiveness in addressing violations committed in contemporary armed conflicts. In your analysis, examine at least two significant instances of such violations in different conflict situations, supporting your response with relevant international legal instruments and case law.

(20 Marks)
