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PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY

BENGALURU

Mid - Term Examinations – October 2025

Date 10-10-2025

Time: 09.30am to 11.00am

School: SOL	Program: B.Com/B.A/BBA; LLB (Hons.)	
Course Code: LAW2046	Course Name: Public International Law II	
Semester: VII	Max Marks: 50	Weightage: 25%

CO - Levels	CO1	CO2	CO3	CO4	CO5
Marks	30	20			

Instructions:

- Read all questions carefully and answer accordingly.
- Do not write anything on the question paper other than roll number.

Part A

Answer ALL the Questions. Each question carries 2marks.

5Q x 2M=10M

1	Discuss the concept of “Common Heritage of Mankind” in relation to the international seabed resources.	2 Marks	L2	CO2
2	Differentiate between territorial sea and internal water	2 Marks	L2	CO2
3	Give 2 examples of force majeure event that will be an circumstance preclude wrongfulness of an internationally wrongful act.	2 Marks	L2	CO1
4	Explain the difference between restitution and compensation as remedies under Articles on Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts, 2001	2 Marks	L1	CO1
5	Explain the consequence of a serious breach of a peremptory norm (jus cogens)?	2 Marks	L1	CO1

Part B

Answer the Questions.

Total Marks 40M

6.	A private paramilitary group in State X launches a cyber-attack on the financial system of State Y, causing large-scale disruption. Investigations reveal that State X’s intelligence agency had supplied the group with hacking tools and training but claims it had “no control” over the actual cyber-operation.			
	a. Analyze whether the conduct of the paramilitary group be attributed to State X under Article 8 (Conduct directed or controlled	5 Marks	L4	CO 1

	by a State) of the ILC Articles?			
	b. Discuss whether “providing support” without issuing direct operational orders meet the threshold of attribution	5 Marks	L3	CO 1
Or				
7.	Critically analyse the concept of exhaustion of local remedies in the context of state responsibility in international law along with exceptions to the principle.	10 Marks	L3	CO 1
8.	Distinguish between continental shelf and exclusive economic zone. Critically evaluate the rights and obligations of coastal states in the Exclusive Economic Zones.	10 Marks	L3	CO 2
Or				
9.	Analyse the concept of “high seas”. Discuss the provisions relating to high seas in the convention of high seas. Explain the rights of states in highseas.	10 Marks	L3	CO 2
10.	Analyse the difference between the fault theory and the objective (risk) theory of State responsibility, substantiate with case laws and examples for each of the theory.	10 Marks	L3	CO 1
Or				
11.	<p>A rebel group, the People’s Liberation Front (PLF), launches armed attacks against State X’s infrastructure. To contain the crisis, the government of State X secretly contracts IronShield Corp, a private military company (PMC) incorporated in State Y but effectively headquartered and managed from State Z.</p> <p>While operating under this contract, Iron Shield units cross into neighbouring State W (allegedly to pursue rebels) and attack a village, killing civilians and destroying property. Evidence later reveals that the operation was coordinated through encrypted messages exchanged between State X’s Ministry of Defence officials and Iron Shield commanders.</p> <p>Consider the following issue</p> <p>Examine if Iron Shield’s conduct is attributable to State X under Article 8 (effective control) or Article 5 (delegated governmental authority) of the ILC Articles?</p>	10 Marks	L4	CO 1
12.	Discuss on the determination of baseline under UN Convention on Law of Sea 1982?	10 Marks	L3	CO 2
Or				
13.	Discuss the legal regime of the right of innocent passage through the territorial waters of a State.	10 Marks	L4	CO 2