



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:

- (i) Read all questions carefully and answer accordingly.
- (ii) 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	CO1
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	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.	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. 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. Consider the following issue 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?	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