

Roll No.

**PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY****BENGALURU****Make Up Examinations – December 2025****Date:** 27 – 12- 2025**Time:** 01:00pm – 04:00pm

School: SOL	Program: BA/ BBA/ BCom LLB (Hons.)	
Course Code : LAW120	Course Name: Public International Law	
Semester: MK	Max Marks: 100	Weightage: 50%

CO - Levels	C01	C02	C03	C04	C05	C06
Marks	11	14	14	30	14	17

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.****10Q x 2M=20M**

1.	Define the concept of <i>international legal personality</i> .	2 Marks	L1	C01
2.	State two functions of the International Court of Justice.	2 Marks	L1	C02
3.	Explain the principle of sovereign equality of states.	2 Marks	L1	C02
4.	Distinguish between state continuity and state succession.	2 Marks	L1	C03
5.	List two grounds on which a treaty may be considered invalid.	2 Marks	L1	C04
6.	Define <i>opinio juris</i> in the context of customary international law.	2 Marks	L1	C05
7.	State the meaning of <i>persona non grata</i> .	2 Marks	L1	C06
8.	Describe the protective principle of jurisdiction.	2 Marks	L1	C05
9.	Explain the term <i>jus cogens</i> .	2 Marks	L1	C04
10.	Name any two principal organs of the United Nations.	2 Marks	L1	C03

Part B

Answer the Questions.

Total Marks 80M

11.	a.	<p>State Aurora arrests a foreign diplomat from State Noctis for alleged involvement in espionage and initiates criminal proceedings. Aurora argues that national security overrides diplomatic privileges. Noctis protests, claiming violation of diplomatic immunity. Examine the scope and limitations of diplomatic immunity under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations. Analyze whether national security considerations can justify derogation from immunity.</p>	5+5 Marks	L4	CO1
Or					
12.	a.	<p>State Helios withdraws unilaterally from a multilateral environmental treaty citing economic hardship. Other parties object, arguing the withdrawal violates treaty obligations. Analyze the rules governing treaty withdrawal and termination under the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties. Assess whether economic hardship constitutes a valid ground.</p>	5+5 Marks	L5	CO1
Or					
13.	a.	<p>An entity known as the Free Maritime Order controls a small island, issues travel documents, and maintains informal relations with several states but lacks permanent population and full governmental structure. Evaluate whether the entity qualifies as a state under international law. Examine the relevance of effectiveness and recognition in determining international legal personality.</p>	6+4 Marks	L5	CO2
Or					
14.	a.	<p>A newly independent region of State Terranova gains recognition from a few states but is denied UN membership. Analyze the relationship between recognition and statehood. Assess whether lack of UN membership affects its international legal status.</p>	5+5 Marks	L5	CO2
Or					
15.	a.	<p>For over two decades, states have intercepted foreign vessels suspected of piracy in international waters, but have rarely articulated a legal obligation to do so. Analyze whether this practice constitutes customary international law. Examine the role of <i>state practice</i> and <i>opinio juris</i>.</p>	6+4 Marks	L5	CO3
Or					
16.	a.	<p>River Solace forms the boundary between States Arden and Lyra. Sudden flooding causes a rapid change in the river's course. Both states claim sovereignty over the altered territory. Apply the doctrines of accretion and avulsion to determine the rightful boundary.</p>	7+3 Marks	L4	CO4

17.	a.	During a naval exercise, State Orion destroys a civilian vessel belonging to State Vega, resulting in loss of life. Orion refuses compensation citing sovereign immunity. Apply the ILC Articles on State Responsibility to determine liability and appropriate forms of reparation.	7+8 Marks	L1	CO5
Or					
18.	a.	A former military official accused of crimes against humanity flees from State Rhea to State Ceto, which refuses extradition citing absence of treaty obligations. Analyze the principles of universal jurisdiction and <i>aut dedere aut judicare</i> .	7+8 Marks	L5	CO5

19.	a.	State Elysium dissolves into multiple successor states. Outstanding international human rights judgments remain unenforced. Analyze succession of states with respect to international responsibility and enforcement of obligations.	7+8 Marks	L4	CO6
Or					
20.	a.	The UN Security Council imposes sanctions on State Chronos. Several member states fail to implement them due to domestic economic pressures. Analyze the binding nature of Security Council resolutions and consequences of non-compliance.	7+8 Marks	L1	CO6

21.	a.	Construction of an industrial project in State Flux causes severe cross-border pollution affecting State Delta. Examine state responsibility for transboundary environmental harm and available remedies.	5+15 Marks	L4	CO4
Or					
22.	a.	An international financial institution funds a project displacing indigenous communities in State Axiom. Analyze the legal obligations of international organizations regarding human rights and environmental protection.	15+5 Marks	L4	CO5