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BIS 1207: INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW**

**DATE: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Time: 14:15-16:15 Hours**

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**Instructions**

1. This examination consists of **FIVE** questions.
2. Answer **Question ONE (COMPULSORY)** and any other **TWO** questions.

**Question 1 (30 marks)**

Define the following terms in international law, citing relevant authorities to support your definition.

- a. Lotus principle
- b. *pacta sunt servanda*
- c. *ius cogens*
- d. collective security
- e. pacific settlement of disputes
- f. Monetary Gold principle
- g. sovereign equality
- h. estoppel by acquiescence
- i. international custom
- j. *uti possedetis*

**Question 2 (15 marks)**

Critically discuss the international personality of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

**Question 3 (15 marks)**

Discuss the entire process of international law making by treaty, placing particular emphasis on four (4) key stages, and explaining the role of sovereign equality in this process.

**Question 4 (15 marks)**

Define the three primary sources of international law, the subsidiary sources, and discuss how they interact with each other.

**Question 5 (15 marks)**

- a) Discuss the traditional statehood criteria, giving relevant examples
- b) Discuss the statehood of any entity that does not fit the usual traditional criteria.