



**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
BIS 4203 INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW
END OF SEMESTER EXAM**

Date: 11th March 2024

Time: 08:00-10:00

EXAM INSTRUCTIONS:

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

1. Discuss the prohibition of a particular weapon under International Humanitarian Law, what were the main reasons for the prohibition of this particular weapon you chose to discuss? **(20 Marks)**.

2. a) With examples, discuss some of the major challenges that inhibit effective implementation of International Humanitarian Law. **(10 Marks)**

b) Describe the status, purpose and fundamental principles of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) **(10 Marks)**

3. a) What measures taken by warring parties are most conducive to strengthening the principle of distinction between military objectives and civilians and civilian objects under contemporary international humanitarian law? Explain the international legal obligations incumbent upon parties to an armed conflict to comply with this fundamental principle of IHL. **(10 Marks)**.

b) Explain the following concepts as employed in International Humanitarian Law
 - i. Hors de combat **(2 Marks)**
 - ii. Jus ad Bellum **(2 Marks)**
 - iii. Jus in Bello **(2 Marks)**
 - iv. International Fact-Finding Commission **(2 Marks)**
 - v. War Crimes **(2 Marks)**

4. a) When is a civilian considered as taking a direct part in hostilities (DPH), and what are the consequences of such participation? **(5 Marks)**
- b) Using examples and Case studies that you are aware of discuss the Role of Ad-hoc international criminal tribunals such as International Criminal Tribunals for former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) in implementation of international humanitarian law. **(15 Marks)**.
5. You have been tasked with analyzing and writing a comprehensive report on the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict that started in July 2023. Using International Humanitarian Law (IHL) as your foundation and point of departure, analyze and make recommendations outlining the breaches and violations of IHL that have occurred. Give solutions and recommendations in your analysis and report **(20 Marks)**. Cite relevant protocols in your analysis.