



**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES AND PHILOSOPHY
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION
BIS 4203: INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW**

DATE: 10th March 2025

TIME: 13:30 – 15:30

Instructions

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

Question One

- a) Define international humanitarian law and explain its main sources (5 marks)
- b) Distinguish between Human rights and International Humanitarian Law (2 Marks)
- c) Identify the four Geneva conventions that form the core of International Humanitarian Law (IHL). [8 marks]
- d) Explain the evolution of International Humanitarian Law (15 Marks)

Question Two

- a) Identify the main IHL rules that apply to international armed conflict and non-international armed conflict. [4 marks]
- b) Define combatants and explain the importance of distinguishing combatants from non-combatants (3 marks)
- c) Identify any four differences in entitlements for combatants and non-combatants under IHL (8 Marks)

Question Three

- a) What is 'means and methods of warfare' under IHL? (3 Marks)
- b) What objectives does IHL seek to achieve by implementing means and methods of Warfare? (2 Marks)
- c) Outline the key principles relevant with respect to means and methods of warfare (10 Marks)

Question Four

- a) Discuss the four humanitarian principles of IHL that are universally accepted by all organizations (12 Marks)
- b) Briefly discuss the challenges of gaining access by humanitarian agencies to provide humanitarian assistance (3 Marks)

Question Five

Discuss three repression mechanisms for violations of grave breaches (15 Marks)