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END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

BDP 4203: INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

Date: 24th March 2022

Time: 13:00 – 15:00

Instructions

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

QUESTION ONE

- a) Identify the four Geneva conventions that form the core of International Humanitarian Law (IHL). [8 marks]
- b) Based on the IHL principles of distinction; and necessity, discuss how they are applied to protect civilians during armed conflict. [10 marks]
- c) Outline and discuss any two challenges that threaten the future direction of IHL. [12 marks]

QUESTION TWO

- a) Distinguish between international humanitarian law(IHL) and international human rights law [3 marks]
- b) Explain how IHL uniquely recognises the unequal ways that armed conflicts affect men and women. [12 marks]

QUESTION THREE

- a) Identify the main IHL rules that apply to international armed conflict and non-international armed conflict. [4 marks]
- b) Define a military objective, and explain the circumstances under which damage to civilian objects, injury or death of civilians may not be unlawful under IHL. [11 marks]

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Using any two relevant examples, explain the meaning of humanitarian intervention.[3 marks]
- b) Debate on humanitarian intervention identifies a dilemma that relates to the **legal** and **moral** aspects of humanitarian intervention. Comment. [12 marks]

QUESTION FIVE

- a) What are international war crime tribunals? [3 marks]
- b) Discuss any **four** advantages and disadvantages of war a crime tribunal as a deterrent measure. [12 marks]

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