

**DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION
NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD**

M.A. (MARITIME LAWS)

Academic Year: 2025-2026

**First Semester Repeat Examination – Online Proctored Examination
(December, 2025)**

1.1.2. International Maritime Laws

Duration of the Examination: 2 ½ hours

Total Marks : 70 marks

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Section – A

**Answer FIVE questions out of SEVEN questions and each question carries 10 marks.
(5 x 10 marks = 50 marks)**

- 1. Critically examine the role of UNCLOS in balancing coastal state sovereignty with the principle of freedom of navigation.
- 2. Discuss the legal and environmental implications of deep-sea mining under Part XI of UNCLOS.

3. Evaluate the effectiveness of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) in resolving maritime disputes citing relevant precedents to support your answer.
4. Analyse the challenges posed by climate change to maritime boundary delimitation and the rights of small island nations.
5. Compare and contrast the legal regimes governing the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and the High Seas under UNCLOS.
6. Assess the role of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in regulating maritime safety and environmental protection.
7. Examine the legal and ethical dimensions of autonomous vessels in the context of existing international maritime law frameworks.

Section – B

Answer FOUR questions out of SIX questions and each question carries 05 marks. (4 x 5 marks = 20 marks)

8. Define the concept of the continental shelf under UNCLOS and explain its significance.
9. What are the key functions of the International Seabed Authority?
10. Briefly outline the main objectives of the MARPOL Convention.
11. Examine the legal status of straits used for international navigation under UNCLOS?
12. List and explain any two dispute resolution mechanisms provided under UNCLOS.
13. What are the obligations of states under UNCLOS with respect to marine environmental protection?