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NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD**

M.A. (MARITIME LAWS)

Academic Year: 2025-2026

**Fourth Semester Repeat Examination – Online Proctored Examination
(November, 2025)**

2.4.11. Maritime Crimes and Jurisdiction Issues

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. What are the challenges posed by the principle of flag state jurisdiction in prosecuting maritime crimes on the high seas? Critically examine.

2. What role has the UNCLOS played in defining jurisdictional boundaries for maritime law enforcement? Discuss its effectiveness in addressing transnational crimes like piracy and trafficking.
3. What are the legal and operational limitations faced by coastal states in enforcing criminal law within their Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs)?
4. Elaborate on universal jurisdiction in the context of piracy. Analyse whether this principle can be extended to other maritime crimes?
5. How do regional cooperation mechanisms such as ReCAAP, EU NAVFOR etc. combat maritime crimes? Analyse means and methods of enhancing their effectiveness?
6. What jurisdictional dilemmas arise from crimes committed aboard foreign vessels in territorial waters? Elaborate on the intersection of international and domestic laws in such cases.
7. Critically analyse the legal implications of cybercrime targeting maritime infrastructure. Is the existing jurisdictional framework enough to address this emerging threat? Elaborate.

Section – B

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

8. Define the term "hot pursuit" under international maritime law. What conditions must be met for its lawful exercise?
9. Briefly explain the difference between piracy and armed robbery at sea under UNCLOS and IMO definitions.
10. What are the legal implications of using flags of convenience in maritime crime investigations?
11. Outline the jurisdictional authority of a coastal state over foreign vessels in its contiguous zone.
12. Discuss briefly the role of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in preventing maritime crimes.
13. How does the concept of port state control contribute to maritime law enforcement?