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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)**

2.4.12. Marine Environmental 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 and effectiveness of UNCLOS in shaping global maritime environmental governance.
- 2. Discuss the significance of the MARPOL Convention in preventing marine pollution. What implementation challenges does it face in developing countries?

3. Evaluate the legal and environmental implications of deep-sea mining under international law. Can the precautionary principle override economic interests? Elaborate.
4. Examine the interplay between flag state and port state jurisdiction in enforcing maritime environmental standards.
5. Evaluate the effectiveness of regional agreements (e.g., OSPAR, Barcelona Convention) in addressing trans boundary marine pollution.
6. How does the Ballast Water Management Convention address the threat of invasive species? Discuss its scientific and legal underpinnings.
7. "The polluter pays principle is central to maritime environmental law." Discuss with reference to international liability regimes and case law.

Section – B

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

8. What are the key sources of marine pollution regulated under MARPOL?
9. Briefly explain the role of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in marine environmental protection.
10. Define the concept of "Special Areas" under MARPOL citing examples.
11. What is the significance of the London Protocol (1996) in regulating ocean dumping?
12. Differentiate between land-based and vessel-based sources of marine pollution.
13. What is the role of ITLOS in resolving maritime environmental disputes?