

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

M.A. (AVIATION LAW & AIR TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT)

Academic Year: 2025-2026

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

1.1.2. International Air Law

Duration of the Examination: 2 ½ hours

Total Marks : 70 marks

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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- d) Clearly indicate the question numbers while answering them. Answers without question numbers / wrong question numbers will not be evaluated.
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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. Discuss the doctrine of complete and exclusive sovereignty over airspace as established under the Chicago Convention, 1944. Explain its impact on international civil aviation and the rights of foreign aircraft.

2. Explain the structure, organs, and functions of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Evaluate its role in developing Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and promoting global aviation safety.
3. A foreign civil aircraft inadvertently enters the territory of another State without prior permission. Analyse the rights of the territorial State, the permissible forms of interception, and the obligations placed on aircraft under the Chicago Convention.
4. Discuss the international legal framework governing aircraft registration and nationality. Why is it essential for every aircraft to have a single nationality, and how do conflicts of registration arise?
5. During an international flight, a passenger becomes unruly and attempts to interfere with crew duties. Using the Tokyo Convention (1963), analyse the powers of the pilot-in-command, the jurisdiction over the offence, and the legal protection provided to crew members.
6. Examine the key international treaties addressing unlawful interference with civil aviation, including hijacking, sabotage, and terrorism. Discuss the significance of the Tokyo (1963), Hague (1970), and Montreal (1971) Conventions.
7. Compare the liability regimes of the Warsaw Convention and the Montreal Convention (1999). Discuss the provisions dealing with passenger injury, baggage/cargo claims, and delay in international carriage.

Section – B

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

8. Write a short note on Objectives and main features of the Chicago Convention, 1944.
9. Write a short note on Different categories of airspace under international air law (territorial airspace, FIRs, international airspace).
10. Write a short note on Key principles governing international search and rescue (SAR) under Annex 12 of the Chicago Convention.
11. Write a short note on aircraft nationality and registration requirements.
12. Write a short note on Essential elements of the Tokyo Convention, 1963 relating to onboard offences and jurisdiction.
13. Write a short note on trafficking, smuggling, and illegal carriage offences under international aviation law.