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NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD

Advanced Diploma in International Humanitarian Law (Batch 2021 – 2022)

Take Home – Annual Examination (June, 2022)

Paper I – 1.1. Introduction to International Humanitarian Law

TOTAL MARKS: 100

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- a) Read the instructions for Take Home Examination carefully and adhere to the same.
 - b) *Please mention your name, ID No., subject name and total number of pages on the Answer Sheet.*
 - c) *Clearly indicate the question numbers while answering them.*
 - d) *Answer all the four questions and each question carries 25 marks.*
 - e) *The answer for the 25 marks question should be written in 1200 - 1500 words and for the 10 marks question it should be 800 – 1000 words.*
 - f) *Only Handwritten answer scripts should be uploaded. Use only Black ball pen to write the answers. Handwriting if not legible, paper will not be examined.*
 - g) *Since this is a take home exam, we expect your answers to be analytical rather than straight answers.*
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1. Contemporary international humanitarian law is a culmination of a long normative process, whose immediate origins date back to late nineteenth century, resulting in the codification of the laws and customs of war through two different streams. Identifying these streams, discuss the main features of some of the legal instruments and the important phases in the development of this branch of law.

(25 Marks)

2. The ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine has seen a huge surge of the Ukrainian citizens joining the Ukrainian armed forces to defend their country from different parts of the world. Examine the legal status of such persons picking up the arms against the aggressor in the light of the notion of ‘direct participation in hostilities’ as understood under international humanitarian law. **(25 Marks)**

3. Greater awareness of the human rights norms and standards was expected to bring about a measure of deterrence in the use of force by the States, especially in relation to armed conflicts not of an international character. But this has not been the case, particularly when we witness on a daily basis bloodshed between rival groups in the Middle-East, across Africa and even in places close to our own country, such as Myanmar. Discuss critically as to how this problem can be remedied using the same framework of human rights obligations in the realm of international humanitarian law to deal with such situations. **(25 Marks)**

4. Comment critically on the following:

(a) Reprisals **(10 Marks)**

(b) Perfidy and Ruses of war **(10 Marks)**

(c) Use of Emblems **(5 Marks)**.