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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 II – 1.2. Protection of Victims of War and Armed
Conflicts**

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.*
 - 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. Discuss the concept of ‘general obligation of humane treatment’ under international humanitarian law. Refer to appropriate legal provisions, explaining the objectives of such an obligation with examples drawn from State practice.

(25 Marks)

2. The recent killing of Shireen Abu Aqleh, a Palestinian- American journalist, reporting on an Israeli army raid at a refugee camp in the Israeli-occupied West Bank by the Israeli forces has been subjected to international condemnation from all over the world. It has also been reported that almost 24 journalists of various nationality covering the war between Russia and Ukraine have died since the conflict began in February this year. Given the scale of this tragedy affecting a profession, comment on how the Geneva Conventions protect the lives of the (i) War correspondents; and (ii) Medical personnel who are involved in an armed conflict.

(25 Marks)

3. The International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia has reiterated that “the rule that the civilian population as such, as well as individual civilians, shall not be the object of attack, is a fundamental rule of international humanitarian law applicable to all armed conflicts”. ICTY, *Prosecutor v. Milan Martić* (IT-95-11), para. 10, 2007. Discuss the extent and the nature of protection accorded to civilians under international humanitarian laws, referring to State practice in this regard. **(25 Marks)**

4. Discuss the challenges faced by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), in the absence of Protecting Powers, to safeguard the interest of the prisoners of war who are entitled to fundamental human rights even in their captivity as combatants who have fallen into hands of an enemy State. Support your answer with examples of the situations confronted by the ICRC in this context. **(25 Marks)**