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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 III – 1.3 Limitations on Means and Methods of Warfare

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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Q.1: Traditionally, wars were fought across the battlefields; civilians and civilian's dwellings were spared for the reasons of humanity and the belligerent forces did not attack it. However, today's armed conflicts have changed in dramatic manner; city centres, urban dwellings and residential areas have become the battlefields. Wars have move into the lives of people, cities and home and it has become more brutal and inhuman. When the wars are fought in cities, the vital infrastructure damaged and destroyed. The basic amenities such as safe drinking water, electricity, and health services are attacked and health care workers are deliberately attacked. Armed Conflicts are increasingly fought in urban environments more than fifty million people facing the consequences of urban warfare. With regard to these situations of violence, how do we characterize it in the international humanitarian law (IHL)? Are minimum thresholds of intensity and organizations required for application of IHL? Should IHL apply to urban violence – examine critically.

Q.2: In IHL explosive weapons are prohibited Means of Warfare even if they are aimed at military targets. The consequences of attacks by explosive weapons spread beyond the immediate vicinity of the place of attack. It may cause indiscriminate and widespread attack. In light of this situation, write a comprehensive note on the legal mechanisms that are available to address the problems of use of explosive weapons in the armed conflicts.

Q.3: In March 2015 the allied forces under the leadership of the Ansar Allah the president who took the charges forcibly by ousting the then president of Yemen. Then the forces have advanced to the southern part of the city of Aden with the participation of US forces. They began campaign of airstrikes against people, they continued as fighting occurred across the country. The allied forces coalition imposed a blockade of Yemen keeping out fuel, which is needed for the survival of Yemeni population. Hundreds of people who were wounded are in urgent need of medical help and hospitals were attacked and there is no electricity and medical supplies. Further, the UN humanitarian coordinator for Yemen said, "airports and seaports constitute a lifeline given that Yemen relies on imports for 90 per cent of its food and most of its fuel. However, these lifelines have been hampered as most of Yemen's airports are not open to civilian traffic and transports by sea are subject to the coalition force's inspections due to embargo. More Children in Yemen are at risk of dying from hunger and lack of health services than from bombs and bullets". Based on the original situation you are required to write a detailed note on 'how to protect the victims of armed conflict by applying the rules which are available and to be applied during the situation of Aerial and Naval warfare. List out the detailed legal provisions as well while you are writing the answer.

Q.4: Write a detailed answer:

1. Protection of Cultural Property during the situation of armed conflicts **(10 Marks)**
2. Protection Natural Environment during the situation of armed conflicts **(10Marks)**
3. A Note on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons Treaty **(5 Marks)**