

**DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION
NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD
P.G. DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW**

**2018 – 2019
Annual Exams (May, 2019)**

PAPER II–PROTECTION OF DEFENSELESS VICTIMS OF WAR AND ARMED CONFLICTS

Time: 3 hours

Marks: 100

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1. The questions to be interpreted as given no clarifications can be sought from the invigilator.**
- 2. Answer five questions. All question carry equal marks (20 marks each)**
- 3. Clearly indicate the question numbers while answering them.**
- 4. Short notes to be answered in more than 250 words, Long answers to be answered in more than 1000 words.**
- 5. Bare Text of Geneva Conventions & Protocols can be collected from the Invigilator.**
- 6. No other printed or handwritten materials will be allowed in the exam hall.**
- 7. Answers in illegible handwriting will not be taken into consideration.**

ANSWER ANY FIVE (5) OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ONLY (5 x 20 marks = 100 marks)

1. What constitutes 'general obligation of humane treatment' under the Geneva Conventions and the Additional Protocols. Discuss your answer with reference to specific legal provisions which exemplify the above objective under the said instruments.
2. What measures are provided for the protection of civilians against arbitrary treatment under the Geneva Conventions? Discuss the legal provisions in the light of any examples which show non-compliance by a State party.
3. Explain how the Additional Protocol I and II to Geneva Conventions have expanded the scope and ambit of the concept of armed conflicts under international humanitarian law. Discuss this with reference to some examples.
4. Discuss how internally displaced persons and refugees are accorded protection under international humanitarian law. What specific legal provisions can be invoked in this regard; and whether or not they are adequate and sufficient to protect such persons.
5. Who can be considered as 'prisoners of war'? How their status is determined and what rights do they have under the relevant Geneva Conventions. Discuss your answer with reference to any State practice which shows in the aftermath of a conflict that their rights have been blatantly violated by a State party.
6. Discuss, with reference to legal provisions, protection accorded to women under the international humanitarian law. Are they adequate in terms of the consequences they suffer, both during and after the war? Explain this in the context of any specific situation which has brought to light their miserable conditions, especially in relation to sexual abuse, rape, torture and degrading treatment against them in recent times.

7. Discuss the role and responsibility of the International Committee on Red Cross under the Geneva Conventions. Illustrate your answer with the help of some of the leading examples where international humanitarian operations have been successful.
8. Sort notes on **any FOUR** of the following:
 - i. Special Protection of children
 - ii. Repatriation of Prisoners
 - iii. Importance of Emblems
 - iv. Civilians in Occupied Territories
 - v. Combatant and Protected persons
 - vi. Direct Participation in Hostilities
 - vii. Rule of Necessity and Proportionality
 - viii. Protection of Medical and Para-medical services