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NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD
PG DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW**

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PAPER III – LIMITATION ON MEANS AND METHODS OF WARFARE

Time: 3 hours

Total 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. **Bare Text of Geneva Conventions & Protocols** can be collected from the Invigilator.
No other printed or handwritten materials will be allowed in the exam hall.
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ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS

1. Write a detail account of international law relating to the limitations of warfare.
2. Discuss in detail international humanitarian law and the challenges of contemporary armed conflicts.
3. Discuss clearly the concepts of “Asymmetric Warfare” and “Urban Warfare”? Is international humanitarian law still relevant to regulate such situation? If yes, discuss in the light of rules, which are available under the four Geneva Conventions and their two Protocols.
4. “According to international humanitarian law”, civilian must be protected against direct attack, unless and for such time as they take direct part in hostilities”. However, neither the Geneva Conventions nor their Additional Protocols provide a definition of what conduct amounts to direct participation in hostilities” In the light of this existing situation how to deal with the contemporary armed conflicts which are posing grave threat to the lives of civilians. Give a brief account of ICRC rules relating “Notion of Direct Participation of Hostilities under International Humanitarian Law”.
5. Contemporary armed conflicts are fought in urban centres and populated areas with more advanced and explosive weapons, which would likely to have indiscriminate effects. In the light of this existing situation how to protect the innocent civilian population. Discuss the rules that are applicable with regard to the protection of civilians under the International humanitarian law treaty mechanisms.
6. In recent past some of the state parties have used chemical weapons against the Civilian population, which are prohibited under international law treaty mechanisms. Provide a clear account of those rules and available customary principles, which are applicable in prohibiting the chemical weapons during the situation of armed conflicts.

7. "The army is facing a 'dirty war' which has to be fought through 'innovative ways'" these are the words which used by some head of armed forces in justifying use of 'human shield' during counter insurgency operations. Do you agree? In the light of this situation discuss the rules, which are provided to deal with use of human shield during the situations of armed conflicts.
8. Write Short Notes on **any FOUR** of the Following:
- i. *Martens Clause*
 - ii. St. Petersburg Declaration
 - iii. Lieber Code
 - iv. Status of Spies and Mercenaries in international humanitarian law
 - v. Principles of Proportionality and Military Necessity
 - vi. Anti-Personal Land Mines
 - vii. Unprivileged Combatant
 - viii. Military Objectives