

**CIHL**

**CERTIFICATE  
IN  
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW**

**Tutor Marked Assignments  
(January 2015 and July 2015 Sessions)**



**School of Law  
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Dear Student.

As per laid down guidelines of the University, you have to complete one assignment for each course opted by you.

You will find that the questions in the assignments are analytical and descriptive so that you can better understand and comprehend the concepts.

It is important that you write the answers to all the questions in your own words. Your answers should be within the approximate range of the word-limit set for each question. Remember, writing answers to assignment questions will improve your writing skills and prepare you for the term-end examination.

### **Submission**

You have to submit the assignments to the Coordinator of your Study Centre. You must obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it with you. It is desirable to keep with you a photocopy of the assignments submitted by you.

Once evaluated, the Study Centre will return the assignments to you. Please insist on this. The Study Centre will send the marks to the SED at IGNOU, New Delhi.

You need to submit the assignments at your study centers as under:

**For January Session- By 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015**

**For July Session- By 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**

### **Guidelines for Doing Assignments**

We expect you to answer each question as per instructions in the assignment. You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind:

- 1) **Planning:** Read the assignment carefully, go through the Units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange them in a logical order.
- 2) **Organisation:** Be a little selective and analytical before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to question's introduction and conclusion.

Make sure that:

- a) The answer is logical and coherent.
  - b) It has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs.
  - c) The presentation is correct in your own expression and style.
- 3) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission. **It is mandatory to write all assignments neatly in your own handwriting.** If you so desire, you may underline the points you wish to emphasize. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

Wishing you all the best.

## **BLE-035: UNDERSTANDING IHL**

**Course Code: BLE-035**  
**Assignment Code: BLE-035/ TMA/ 2015**  
**Total Marks: 100**

### **Part-A**

Attempt any two of the following questions in about 600 words, each question carries 20 marks.

1. What is International Humanitarian Law? Discuss the conditions in which it is applied.
2. What is the right of individual or collective self defence? Discuss the conditions under which this right is available in International Law.
3. Define International Law. Discuss the main sources of International Law.
4. Discuss the Rules of Protection of Prisoners of war under IHL.

### **Part-B**

Attempt *any four* of the following questions in about 300 words. Each question carries 10 marks.

5. What are the Protective Emblems? How are they protected under the IHL?
6. Does the application of international Humanitarian Law depend on a formal declaration of war? Discuss.
7. What do you understand by Occupation? Discuss the status of people deprived of their liberty, during and after occupation ?
8. What are the circumstances under which captivity can legitimately be terminated as per the provisions of Geneva Convention of 1949 ? Do the same apply in the case of an escape?
9. Explain with examples the Rule of Proportionality.
10. Discuss in brief the current sources of IHL. Explain **Part-C**

Write short notes in about 50 words on the followings, each question carries 2 marks.

11. Rule of Distinction.
12. International Armed Conflicts.
13. Principle of Inviolability.
14. IHL and International Criminal Law.
15. International Humanitarian Law and Refugee Law.
16. Just War.
17. Combatants and Non-combatants.

18. Spies.

19. Principle of Nutrality.

20. Principle of Security.

## **BLE 036 : APPLICATION OF IHL**

**Course Code: BLE-036**  
**Assignment Code: BLE-036/ TMA/ 2015**  
**Total Marks: 100**

### **Part-A**

Attempt any two of the following questions in about 600 words, each question carries 15 marks.

1. Discuss the Role of non state actors in the application of IHL.
2. Discuss the main features of the Geneva Conventions Act, 1960.
3. What are the Hybrid courts? How have they contributed in establishing peace in conflict areas?
4. Discuss the Role of ICRC under IHL during armed conflict.

### **Part-B**

Answer *any four* of the following questions in about 300 words. Each question carries 10 marks.

5. Explain the principle of Individual criminal Responsibility.
6. Discuss the role of the mass media in conflict reporting. What are the ethical aspects of media reporting ?
7. Discuss the role of UN Peace-keeping Forces in maintaining international peace and security.
8. State the role of NGO'S in peace making and conflict prevention.
9. Discuss the role of National Committees for the implementation of IHL.
10. Discuss the scope of Common Article 1 of the Geneva Conventions.

### **Part-C**

Write a short note in about 50 words on the followings, each question carries 2 marks.

11. Common Article 3 of Geneva Conventions.
12. Role of International community in the application of IHL.
13. Constitution of Indian and IHL.

14. International Criminal Court.
15. The Guardian Angel functions of ICRC.
16. Ad Hoc Tribunals.
17. Military Code of Conduct.
18. Military rules for Prisoners of War.
19. International Fact-finding Commission.
20. Role of ICRC in providing First Aid and Transporting of Injured of Armed Conflicts.

## **BLE 037: IHL ISSUES OF CONCERN IN SOUTH ASIA**

**Course Code: BLE-037**  
**Assignment Code: BLE-037/ TMA/ 2015**  
**Total Marks: 100**

### **Part-A**

Attempt any two of the following questions in about 600 words, each question carries 20 marks.

1. Discuss in brief the rules of IHL as found in various religious traditions in South Asia.  
Do you agree with the view that IHL principles are mainly Eurocentric?
2. Discuss the IHL issues involved in the major conflicts of Bangladesh.
3. Discuss and analyse the main postulates of IHL followed in the Asian traditions.
4. What is the status of IHL treaties in South Asia? Critically evaluate the reasons put forward by South Asian countries for the non-ratification of optional Protocol II of 1977.

### **Part-B**

Attempt *any four* of the following questions in about 300 words. Each question carries 10 marks.

5. State how Christianity has been successful in shaping humanitarian consideration during warfare.
6. Discuss the challenges faced by ICRC in implementation of IHL Convention in the armed conflicts in Afghanistan.
7. Discuss the significance of the study of IHL in South Asia.
8. Evaluate the International legal response to the protection of women in armed conflicts of South Asia region.
9. Analyse the problem of Child Soldier in the armed conflicts of South Asia. What are the factors responsible for the employment of Child Soldiers in armed conflicts?
10. Discuss the main features of the military Law in India.

### **Part-C**

Write short notes in about 50 words on the followings, each question carries 2 marks.

11. IHL and Bangladesh.
12. Implementation of Geneva Conventions in India.
13. Internally displaced persons and IHL.
14. Customary IHL.
15. Role of students in promoting the principles of IHL.

16. Protection of Emblem
17. Problem of Refugee Protection in South Asia.
18. Role of India in Drafting the Genocide Conventions, 1948.
19. Role of ICRC in Dissemination of IHL to Arm and Security Forces
20. Military Law Advisors.

## **BELP-038: PROJECT**

Write a project in about 2000 words on any one of the following topics.

1. Protection of Civilian Population
2. Issues Relating to the Evolution of Proportionality in Attack
3. Role of UN Security Council in upholding IHL Principles during Non-international Armed Conflicts during last Decade
4. Problem of Child soldiers in South Asia.
5. International Humanitarian Law and the Protection of Cultural Property