



ICM

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PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW (IR)

Instructions to candidates:

- a) Time allowed: Three hours (plus an extra ten minutes' reading time at the start – do not write anything during this time)
 - b) Answer any FIVE questions
 - c) All questions carry equal marks. Marks for each question are shown in []
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1. International law is derived from a number of widely recognised sources. Explain the main sources of international law. [20]
 2. The acquisition of territory by a state is a much discussed and often controversial theme in international law. Review the key principles of international law with regard to the acquisition of territory. [20]
 3. Explain the defences typically used by states accused of breaching international law. [20]
 4. Review the content of the UN Law of the Sea Convention (1982). [20]
 5. Critically evaluate the extent to which a state can be considered to be responsible for the environment. [20]
 6. Analyse the concept of state immunity with regard to diplomatic law and diplomatic immunity. [20]
 7. Analyse the mechanisms available in human rights treaties to ensure compliance with their content. [20]
 8. Review the structures and powers of the United Nations, setting out the functions of its key decision-making bodies. [20]