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DEPARTMENT OF JURISPRUDENCE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

COURSE CODE: JIL 531

COURSE TITLE: MARITIME LAW 1

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER FOUR QUESTIONS ONLY.

QUESTION No. 1{ONE} IS COMPULSORY

1. Hugo Grotius who is regarded as the “Father of the Law of Nations” posited at one time that the sea and the oceans are incapable of been possessed by individuals or group of states because the sea and oceans cannot be effectively taken over or control by individuals. To him the oceans are free for the use of all as it is a no man’s occupation. However, Law as an instrument of change has drastically altered Grotius position today under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982 by demarcating sea into Maritime Zones:
Discuss the maritime zones of a Coastal State and their rights
25 marks
2. The United Nations Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea, otherwise known as the Hamburg Rules 1978 is regarded as the Constitution of the Sea. This Convention tries to balance the interest of the ship owners and the cargoes owners thereby introduced some novel articles. Explain at least **seven** novel provisions introduced by the Hamburg Rules.
15 marks.
3. Various definition of maritime Law has been made by different scholars. However, the Scandinavian Countries in their law provides that internal waters, rivers, lakes and lagoons constitutes part of their maritime law. But in Nigeria it is completely the opposite and in Nigeria maritime law only relate to the sea and oceans in line with other major maritime states of the world. Critically examine the definition, sources and characteristics of maritime law. **15 marks**

4. There are two major contract of carriage of Goods by sea. And Article 1{7} of the United Nations Convention on the carriage of Goods by Sea, 1978 deals with issue of bills of lading. Discuss two major contract of carriage of goods by sea and the legal character of bill of lading. support your answers with judicial authorities.**15 Marks**
5. Discuss at least seven types of bill of Lading in the carriage of goods by sea. And briefly described the role of International Maritime Organization {IMO} as a principal organ of the United Nations in regulating Maritime activities in the world. **15 Marks**
6. Maritime pollution is one of the priority of international maritime organizations {IMO} and all maritime state to have or maintain a leaner sea and oceans of the world. Elucidate five types of maritime pollution and five pollution committed by ships. **15 marks**