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**FACULTY OF LAW**  
**DEPARTMENT OF JURISPRUDENCE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW**  
**2025\_2 EXAMINATIONS**

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**PROGRAMME: LL.M**

**COURSE CODE: JIL 820**

**COURSE TITLE: INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW 11**

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS ONLY. QUESTION NO. ONE IS  
COMPULSORY**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS**

1. Explain the key principles of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGs). How do these principles guide the conduct of vessels to avoid collisions at ports and sea? **(Total 30 Marks)**
  
2. Analyze the legal and institutional framework of the International Seabed Authority (ISA) with respect to its interaction with member states and international organizations. How does the ISA ensure compliance with international regulations and manage disputes related to deep-sea mining activities? **(Total: 20 Marks)**
  
3. Explain the legal framework governing the use of international straits for international navigation. Discuss the rights and obligations of states with respect to transit passage and innocent passage through such straits, as established by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Provide examples or legal authorities to illustrate your discussion. **(Total 20 Marks)**
  
4. Analyze the impact of international conventions, such as the Hague-Visby Rules and the Hamburg Rules, on the types of contracts for the carriage of goods by sea. Discuss seven innovations introduced by the Hamburg Rules? **(Total 20 Marks)**
  
5. Discuss the principle of the 'common heritage of mankind' as it applies to the international seabed area under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. How does this principle influence the management and exploitation of the seabed resources, and what are the implications for coastal and landlocked states? **(Total 20 Marks)**