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THIRD/SEVENTH SEMESTER
Sub.: Human Rights and International Law (LW-303/7003)

Date : 15/05/2025	Total Marks : 60	Time: 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm
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Instructions: 1) All questions are compulsory.
2) Figure indicate to the right full marks.

Q. 1. Answer the following question. (15)

A) Trace the historical evolution of human rights, from ancient concepts to modern international instruments. Discuss key milestones and philosophical influences.

OR

B) Discuss the various theories that seek to explain the basis and nature of international law and presentday situation of the International Law

Q. 2. Answer the following question. (15)

A) Discuss the concept of statehood in international law and the criteria for recognition of states and governments.

OR

B) Analyze the role of the UN Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) in the development of international human rights law.

Q. 3. Write Short Notes. (any four) (20)

- a) International Court of Justice
- b) Role of National Human Rights Commission
- c) Extradition
- d) Sources of International Law
- e) International law and Municipal Law
- f) International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights

Q. 4. Answer the following questions. (10)

A) Country X retains the death penalty for serious crimes, including political dissent. An international human rights organization challenges an execution, arguing it violates international human rights treaties.

- How does the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) address the death penalty?
- Can customary international law restrict a state's right to impose capital punishment?

OR

B) A social media influencer in Country Y posts content criticizing the government's policies. In response, the government enacts a law criminalizing online speech that "threatens national unity." Several activists are arrested under this law.

- How does international law balance freedom of expression.
- What protections does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and ICCPR provide?