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LL.M IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION DEGREE PROGRAMME

CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TEST 01 (SECOND YEAR) - 2023/2024

LLPA410- INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW

DURATION: 01 HOUR

Date: 31.08. 2024

Time: 03.00 p.m.- 04.00 p.m.

Total Number of Questions: 02

Answer ONE (01) Question Only.

Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting.

Question No.01: Answer either (A) or (B):

- (A) "Article 2(4) of the United Nations Charter prohibits the use of force against states, establishing a core legal norm against aggression that underpins the legal framework for crimes against peace in customary international law."

Critically analyse the above statement with reference to relevant definitions, concepts, and present scenarios.

(20 marks)

OR

- (B) 'Article 7 of the Rome Statute codifies crimes against humanity, reflecting existing norms of customary international law by defining widespread or systematic attacks directed against civilian populations.'

Critically discuss the above statement in light of relevant principles with special reference to State obligations to prosecute such crimes under international law.

(20 marks)

Question No.02: Answer both (A) and (B):

- (A) 'The crime of genocide specifically aims to protect distinct groups from targeted acts of destruction.'

Critically examine the above statement with special reference to legal protection from the calculated destruction against such groups.

(10 marks)

AND

- (B) 'The provisions of the Rome Statute place significant emphasis on grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, reflecting a focused approach to prosecuting serious violations of international humanitarian law.'

Critically analyse the above statement in light of applicable principles.

(10 marks)

(Total marks 20)

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