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LWP2211 – INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW
DURATION: 1 ½ HOURS



DATE: 30th August 2015

TIME: 10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

Total No. of Questions : 02

Answer ONE (01) question only.

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01. “As in a boxing match, pummeling the opponent’s upper body is fine; hitting below the belt is proscribed. As long as the rules of the game are observed, it is permissible to cause suffering, deprivation of freedom, and death”.

Critically examine in the light of the above statement the application of the principles of International Humanitarian Law with particular reference to its objectives, development and challenges.

02. “Although internationalized armed conflicts have special features distinguishing them from both international and internal armed conflicts, there is absolutely no basis whatsoever for a halfway house between the law applicable in internal armed conflicts and that relevant to international warfare”.

Do you agree? Discuss the prudence of arguing that all armed conflicts should be continuously treated either as international or internal. Support your answer with examples drawn from situations arisen in recent armed conflicts.

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