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2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

PROGRAMME: LL.M

COURSE CODE: JIL 819

COURSE TITLE: INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW 1

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

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

1. A shipping company operating a vessel registered in Panama, which has ratified the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, has encountered a piracy incident in international waters off the coast of Guinea, which has not ratified UNCLOS. The vessel was forced to divert its route and incur additional costs. Evaluate the legal options available to the shipping company for seeking redress and the potential role of international maritime law. **Total: 30 marks**

2. Discuss the primary and secondary sources of international maritime law. Explain the role of each source in the development and implementation of maritime legal principles. Use specific examples to illustrate how these sources are applied in practice.

(Total 20 Marks)

3. Analyze the nature and characteristics of maritime law. Discuss its unique features compared to other areas of law, such as its historical development, international scope, and applicability. Provide specific examples to illustrate how maritime law addresses the complexities of maritime activities. **(Total 20 Marks)**

4. A shipping company operating a vessel in international waters encounters a severe storm, resulting in damage to the vessel and loss of cargo. The company is seeking compensation for the damages under maritime law. Evaluate the key legal principles involved in this situation, including the concept of “general average” and the role of maritime insurance. **Total 20 Marks**

5. Define and differentiate between the various maritime zones recognized under international law. Provide examples of each zone's rights and obligations for coastal states. **(Total 20 Marks)**