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FIVE YEAR B.A. B.B.A. B.Com., LL.B. (HONOURS) DEGREE

EXAMINATION, JULY 2026

Tenth Semester

F.L. 34—MARITIME LAW

(2021 Admissions—Regular, 2020, 2019 and 2018 Admissions—Supplementary)

Time : Three Hours Maximum : 75 Marks

Part A

Write short notes on any **five** *of the following.*
Each question carries 3 *marks.*

1. Features of Merchant Shipping Act, 1958.
2. Principle of equality of flags under international maritime law.
3. Bill of lading and its legal functions.
4. CIF and FOB contracts.
5. MARPOL Convention.
6. Different kinds of marine losses and damages in a marine insurance.

(5 × 3 = 15 marks)

Part B

Answer any **three** *of the following problems.*
Each question carries 10 *marks*

7. An Indian port authority refuses entry to merchant vessels of a particular foreign State without any security justification. Examine the legality of this action under international law.
8. A carrier claims exemption from liability for cargo damage due to fire on board. Discuss the applicability of defences under the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, 1924.
9. A shipowner abandons a damaged vessel and cargo in the high seas without notifying authorities, causing navigational hazards. Discuss the legal consequences under maritime law.

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10. The cargo is partially damaged due to rough weather during voyage. Discuss the types of losses involved and the insurer's liability.

(3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Part C

Answer any **two** *of the following questions.*
Each question carries 15 *marks.*

11. Discuss the powers, functions, and role of the Indian Coast Guard in maritime security, law enforcement, and environmental protection.

12. Examine the role and significance of major international conventions dealing with marine pollution, such as UNCLOS, 1982 ; MARPOL Convention and Oil Pollution Liability Conventions.

13. Discuss the duty of disclosure and conditions in marine insurance contracts and its legal consequences. Also explain the rules relating to assignment of marine insurance policies and reinsurance.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)