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**Second Semester LL.M. Degree Examination, July 2026**

**Maritime Law**

**Paper II : LAW RELATING TO SHIPPING**

**(2024 Admission)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

Instructions : Answer **all** questions. All questions carry **equal** marks.

1. Explain the International Legal framework with respect to registration of ships. Do national laws vary from the same?

OR

2. "A ship is not merely a piece of property: it is a juristic person capable of being a defendant in an action in rem." Critically comment.
3. Discuss the legal obligations of a Ship-owner toward 'Distressed Seafarers' in marine environments. Clarify the role of the National Welfare Board of Seafarers in this context.

OR

4. Examine the Certification of members of ship crew such as Masters, Mates, Seamen and Engineers.
5. Discuss the mechanisms that deal with the prevention and containment of pollution of the sea by oil. What are the international and other frameworks that operate in this domain?

OR

6. Distinguish between the Law of Salvage and the Law of Towage in international maritime law.

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7. "The contract of Marine Insurance is a contract of *Uberrimae Fidei* (Utmost Good Faith)." Comment. Discuss the consequences of non-disclosure and misrepresentation by the assured.

OR

8. Explain the significant features of the Law of Carriage of goods and passengers by sea. Elucidate the corresponding obligations of carriers and assignees.
9. "The Draft Merchant Shipping Bill, 2020, released by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, aims to repeal the archaic Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, and the Coasting Vessels Act, 1838." Critically comment.

OR

10. Clarify the institutional structure of the International Maritime Organization and its effectiveness in ensuring compliance with international standards of 'safe, secure and efficient shipping on clean oceans'.

(5 × 12 = 60 Marks)