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2020\_1 EXAMINATION**

**COURSE CODE: JIL 531**

**COURSE TITLE: MARITIME LAW 1**

**COURSE UNIT: 4**

**TIME: 2 ½ HRS**

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION 1 (ONE) AND ANY OTHER 3 (THREE)**

1. Article 87 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the sea 1982 provides that the High seas are open to all states and it is exercise under the conditions laid down in the convention and under the rues of international law. No state may acquire sovereign right over parts of the sea. Discuss the freedom of the High sea and the limitations associated to it. **25 Marks**
2. . a. What are the innovations introduced by the Rotterdam Rules of 2008 even though the Convention is yet to come into effect. **7 ½ Marks**  
b. The Hague Rules of 1924 provides exceptions to ship-owner and the carrier from liability arising in the course of navigation in the High seas. What are the exceptions? **7 ½ Marks**
3. Give a historical account of thee development of maritime Law up to the present age and what are the contribution of the International Maritime Organization to world maritime businesses.  
**15 Marks**

4. a. A bill of Lading is an important document use in international carriage of goods by sea today. Described the various types of bill of Lading use in the contract of carriage of goods by sea. Is Electronic bill of Lading use in shipping activities in Nigeria as a major maritime state in Africa.? **7 ½ Marks**  
  
b. List at five International regulatory body in maritime affairs of the World. **7 ½ Marks**
  
5. A coastal state is a country bounded with waters and some countries are rich in petroleum product and natural resources. Discuss **six** characteristics of a territorial waters is a coastal state. **15 Marks**
  
6. Discuss the Rights of a Littoral state over its continental shelf. **15 Marks**