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EXAMINATION PAPER

Diploma in Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Management:

Part 1 Semester 1

COURSE CODE : MRM115
COURSE TITLE : International Humanitarian Law
DURATION : 2 Hours
DATE :

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Answer any **TWO** questions only.
2. Each question carries 50 Marks.
3. Start each question on a new page of your answer sheet.
4. Use relevant examples or case studies in answering your questions

1. Discuss the principle of distinction in International Humanitarian Law. Explain its importance in the protection of civilians and civilian objects during armed conflict. Include an analysis of how this principle is applied in practice and the challenges faced in enforcing it, particularly in contemporary asymmetric warfare.
2. Analyze the legal framework governing humanitarian access in armed conflicts. Include the obligations of parties to a conflict to allow and facilitate rapid and unimpeded passage of humanitarian relief.
3. Evaluate the specific protections offered to women and children under International Humanitarian Law. What challenges do they face in armed conflicts?
4. Analyze the implications of emerging technologies, such as drones and cyber warfare, on International Humanitarian Law. Discuss how these technologies challenge existing legal frameworks and the need for adaptation of IHL. Provide examples of recent conflicts where these technologies have been utilized and the legal and ethical dilemmas they pose.
5. In the armed conflict between Russia and Ukraine that followed the Russian invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022 has targeted power stations, hospitals, civilian residential areas, electricity grids and bridges. The numbers of civilian casualties have risen sharply over the course of the war. Given such evidence, discuss the legality and applicability of International Humanitarian law to this armed conflict.

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