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L.L.M. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JUNE 2026

Third Semester

Branch III–Maritime Law

LW030302—LAW RELATING TO CARRIAGE OF GOODS AND PASSENGERS BY SEA

(2024 Admissions-Regular, 2023, 2022 Admission Supplementary)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 70 Marks

*Answer any **five** questions.*

All questions carry equal marks.

1. Critically examine the nature and legal significance of contracts of affreightment in international maritime commerce.
2. Examine the rights and obligations of shipowners under voyage charter parties. How do warranties and conditions influence contractual liability?
3. Discuss the legal implications of delivery and cancellation clauses in time charter agreements. How do courts resolve disputes arising from delays?
4. Critically examine the multifaceted functions of a bill of lading as a contract, receipt and document of title.
5. Compare and contrast the Hague-Visby Rules, Hamburg Rules and Rotterdam Rules with regard to carrier liability.
6. Critically evaluate the York-Antwerp Rules and their role in the settlement of General Average claims.
7. Discuss the validity and enforceability of exclusion clauses in contracts for the carriage of goods by sea.
8. “Modern maritime law seeks to balance commercial certainty with adequate protection for cargo interests.” Discuss with reference to liability and limitation regimes.

(5 × 14 = 70)

