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MASTER OF ARTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS

EXAMINATION: INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE & HUMAN RIGHTS

DATE: SATURDAY 28TH APRIL 2018

TIME: 9:00AM-12:00PM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer three, questions only (each question will carry 25 Marks)

1. 'Some of the most heinous crimes were committed during the conflicts which marked the twentieth century. Unfortunately, many of these violations of international law have remained unpunished.' *Discuss this statement with relevant examples.*
2. Discuss the factors limiting the ICC towards its objectives on the African continent?
3. On 10th of April 2018, the UN Security Council failed to pass a resolution sponsored by the US to investigate chemical weapons used in Syria. Moscow's Ambassador Vassily Nebenzi accused the US of "planting this resolution" as a "pretext to justify action against Syria and "taking yet one more step toward confrontation". "We are using the veto in order to protect international rule of law, peace and security, to make sure that you do not drag the Security Council into your adventures," Nebenzia

said. *Using this scenario, discuss whether the recent military attack on Syria by the US and her allies was against international law.*

4. Make an assessment of the decisions and actions of the United Nations during and after the Cold War era in the fundamental areas of international peace and security.
5. "It is only the most deluded lawyers and statesmen who believe in the existence of an "international criminal law". As long as there are sovereign states, attempts to impose a supra-national regime on states have gone hand in hand with wishful thinking, double standards, hypocrisy... The ICC has proved that "international criminal law" simply fails. It inevitably boils down to some level of "victor's justice". (European lawyer Georg Schwarzenberger). *To what extent do you agree with this statement; defend your answer with relevant cases.*
6. "International crimes are violations of international law for which individuals bare personal criminal responsibilities."
 - (a) Discuss the four broad categories of international crimes and also,
 - (b) Discuss the levels of enforcement of IHL.

Good Luck