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**SCHOOL OF LAW**  
**MAY/JUNE 2012 EXAMINATION**

LAW 512 - PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW II

Time allowed: 3 Hours

*Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.*

1. a. Critically analyse the development of the concept of self-determination.  
b. In Aaland Island's case the League of Nations ignored the wishes of the inhabitants. Was the League of Nations right or wrong?
2. a. Discuss the efforts of the United Nations and the United Nations Charters towards decolonisation.  
b. What do you understand by the principle of *utipossideti* in relation to Africa.
3. Discuss the concept of self determination and its application in Nigeria.
4. Discuss the significance of the concept of recognition of a state in international law.
5. Explain the various means enumerated by the United Nations for the peaceful settlement of dispute.
6. The ICJ decision in Nicaragua's case is a continuing reminder that legal victory is illusory, unless parties and/or international community are willing and able to insist upon compliance. Discuss the above statement highlighting the significance of the ICJ decision in Nicaragua v. USA.
7. What are the arguments and the legal consequences of the use of the advisory jurisdiction of ICJ.  
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Discuss the advisory jurisdiction of ICJ and its legal consequences.

8. Under what circumstances, if any may force be used under the United Nations Charters. Are there any exceptions?

9. Enumerate ten (10) international legal instruments for the protection of human rights. Write briefly on any five of them.