Public International Law

Overview: 1. The nature of international law: role, enforcement and effectiveness. 2. The sources: the international treaties, international customary law, general principles, unilateral acts (states, international organisations), other sources. 3. International law and municipal law: theories, int'l law in the domestic legal system, consequences. 4. Personality in international law: concepts, subjects: statehood, non state actors, recognition. 5. Territorial sovereignty: the concept of territory, creation and transfer, status, law of the sea, space, outer space. 6. Population, nationality, aliens, refugees, international human rights. 7. Jurisdiction: general principles, privileges and immunities, diplomatic and consular relations. 8. International organisations, United Nations. 9. Settlement of international disputes: diplomatic and judicial methods, the International Court of Justice. 10. Use of force. Law of armed conflict/International humanitarian law.

Examination questions AIO:

- 1. Definition of public international law
- 2. Lack of judicial compulsion in public international law
- 3. Lack of centralized law-making body
- 4. Monistic theories on relation between international and national law
- 5. Dualistic theories on relation between international and national law
- 6. Personality in public international law
- 7. State as a primary subject of public international law
- 8. Types of states
- 9. Notion of sovereignty in public international law
- 10. Neutral States in public international law
- 11. Holly See / Vatican
- 12. Micro States
- 13. Personality of International organizations
- 14. Personality of a nation
- 15. Personality of national liberation movements
- 16. Belligerents and partisans as subjects of international law
- 17. Individuals
- 18. Non-governmental organizations
- 19. Multinational/transnational corporation
- 20. Categories of sources of public international law
- 21. International agreement
- 22. Procedure of concluding international treaties
- 23. Reservations to a treaty
- 24. Treaty interpretation
- 25. Custom as a source of public international law
- 26. Custom and comity
- 27. Principles of public international law
- 28. Peremptory norms in public international law
- 29. Resolutions of international organizations as sources of public international law
- 30. Territorial sovereignty
- 31. Acquisition of territory
- 32. Definition of borders
- 33. Rivers in public international law
- 34. Legal status of polar regions
- 35. Legal status of air space

- 36. Legal status of aircrafts
- 37. Airspace freedoms
- 38. Legal status of outer space
- 39. Astronauts
- 40. Delimitations of sea zones
- 41. Internal waters
- 42. Territorial sea
- 43. Continuous zone
- 44. Exclusive economic zone
- 45. Exclusive fisheries zone
- 46. Continental shelf
- 47. High seas
- 48. Status of vessels
- 49. Right to possess the flag
- 50. Piracy
- 51. Archipelagic State
- 52. Nationality/citizenship notion and basic principles
- 53. Effective nationality
- 54. Acquisition of nationality
- 55. Statelessness
- 56. Extradition
- 57. Asylum
- 58. International protection of human rights at universal level
- 59. International protection of human rights at regional level
- 60. State organs in international relations
- 61. Diplomatic missions
- 62. Status of the head of state in international law
- 63. Diplomatic immunity
- 64. Functions of diplomatic missions
- 65. Classes of head of missions
- 66. Precedence in international diplomatic law
- 67. Consular missions
- 68. Classes of consular missions
- 69. Consular immunity
- 70. Functions of consular missions
- 71. International disputes (notion, types)
- 72. Peaceful settlement of international disputes
- 73. Diplomatic dispute settlement
- 74. International arbitration
- 75. Permanent Court of Arbitration
- 76. Advisory jurisdictions of the International Court of Justice
- 77. Composition of the ICJ
- 78. Judgments of the ICJ (elements, finality etc.)
- 79. International criminal justice
- 80. Use of force