

EXAM

JUR1730 - International Humanitarian Law (The Law of Armed Conflict) - Autumn 2017

Date: 22 November

Time: 09:00

Please respond to all **three** questions below. Each of the first two questions count for 25%, whereas the third question counts for 50% of the final grade. In answering the questions make use of the relevant provisions from the **1949 Geneva Conventions**, the **1977 Additional Protocols**, and the relevant rules contained in the **2005 ICRC Customary International Humanitarian Law Study**.

1. What is the main function of international humanitarian law?
2. What conditions does IHL require for the lawful exercise of reprisals? Can you mention any examples of lawful reprisals?
3. If a combatant pretends to be *hors de combat* or feigns death, only to attack an enemy soldier, would the later be committing a war crime if they shot the combatant? Would it be a violation of IHL if a unilateral policy of “double-tapping” (pre-emptively “shooting wounded or apparently dead enemy combatants to ensure that they are dead and not feigning death”) were implemented by a party to the armed conflict?

Remember to answer all the questions!

