

Discuss the historical origin of I. Law. What should be the focus of any account and how and why I. Law is interpreted and to what extent it is relevant in modern times?

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ANSWER

Be more specific

I. INTRODUCTION

International law has covered many miles of history. It is scholarly view that it started from ancient times and continues till today. International law started with traditions, alliances and shaped by religion and institutions. Its main focus is to prevent war and ensure peaceful co-existence and harmony in the world. Today, in modern times, it is highly relevant as the world requires uniform set of rules to govern the conduct of states.

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HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

= International law is
as old as human
history.

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The evolution of International law can be traced back to ancient times. It can be divided into five time-frames.

1. Ancient Times

2. Medieval Times

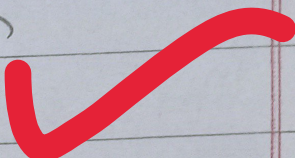
3. Renaissance Period

4. Pre-modern times

5. Modern Times

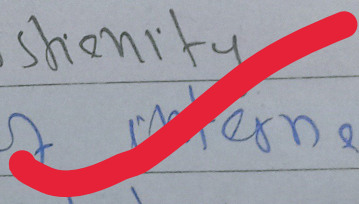
a)). Ancient Times: Birth of Laws.

Ancient civilizations followed some international laws in their dealings. For example, Treaty of Kadesh between Mesopotamian and Roman civilizations.



b)). Medieval Time Period: emergence of new laws and treaties.

Medieval time period of international law was heavily influenced by Religions. For example, Islamic laws of War and Humanity, Canon laws of Christianity bear the witness of international laws and regulations.



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c)) Renaissance Time Period formal documentation of international rules.

Renaissance is period of
8-16th century. In this period
international laws got much
prominence. Hugo Grotius was
this philosopher of this period
who wrote book: On the
law of war and Peace.

d)) Pre-modern period of international law:

(1648) Before treaty of Westphalia
(~~1848~~), there were no states
systems. Yet, they followed certain
norms and traditions on
the basis of "Opinio Juris".

e)) Modern Times:

After rise of modern nation

states system, international law got much importance.

The many treaties and organizations came into being such as UN, WTO, World Bank, IMF etc. These treaties made nations to follow pre-set international standards and norms.

III HOW INTERNATIONAL LAW EMERGED.

There are several theories about emergence of international law. The most prominent theory among all of them is that international law emerged from traditions, shaped by religion, promoted jurists and institutionalized by organizations.

Emergence by Norms
and traditions

Laws of diplomatic immunity,
laws of prisoners etc.

Shaped by Religion

Shariah laws, Canon laws etc.

Promoted by Historians
and Jurists.

Hugo Grotius - ~~Natural~~ etc.

Institutionalized by
organizations.

UN - WTO - ~~Treaty of~~
Westphalia

WHY INTERNATIONAL LAW

INITIATED.

The sole purpose of international law is to ensure peaceful co-existence in the international community, protect oppressed and govern conduct of states especially. ———.

Prof: Oppenheim

There are many purposes of international law for which it was initiated. Some of them are given in bullet points as follows.

⇒ Ensuring peaceful co-existence in international community.

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⇒ Protecting the oppressed one.

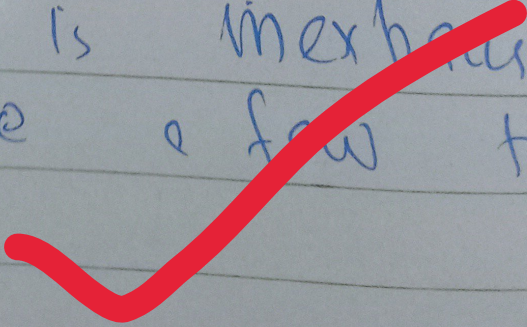
⇒ Promoting trade and diplomacy.

⇒ Maintaining harmony and prosperity in the world.

⇒ Resolving disputes through peaceful means.

⇒ Holding accountable to enemy of humanity.

The list of such functions is inexhaustive. These are a few to name.



RELEVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW IN MODERN TIMES.

Owing to complexities of modern times, international law is becoming more important day by day.

(J. E. Starke)

In modern times, international law is highly relevant owing to many reasons. It is necessary that there should be a body of rules which is recognized by the states to regulate their conduct for collective good.

a)) The increasing turbulence in the world makes International law more relevant.

The modern unresolved issues like Palestine issue, Ukraine - Russia war and IWT dispute between Pakistan makes international law more significant to resolve these issues.

b)) Violence of Human Rights in the world.

Human rights violation in Palestine, Afghanistan and Sudan inspires international law to provide assistance legally. The legal frameworks like UDHR provide opportunity to help oppressed people.

c) The escalating trade war makes international law more relevant.

The trade war between China - USA, USA - India provides examples that why international law is relevant today. World Trade Organization is liable to look after reasonable trade among states without compromising on human rights violations.

II CONCLUSION

It is clear from the above discussion the origin of international law - Ancient times to today, now and why international law emerged. Moreover, the above discussion also sheds light

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on that in modern
times, international law
is highly relevant to
maintain peace and harmony

Concise your conclusion

Focus on your handwriting, and
presentation

Language should be in
accordance to your subject which,
in this case is international Law,
so try and incorporate language of
law

You have got potential
Good luck!