

HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC
DEPARTMENT OF NAUTICAL STUDIES

COURSE : Certificate of Proficiency in Ship Command
CLASS : Part B
SESSION : 1989-90
SUBJECT : Commerce & Law (*re-exam*)
DATE : 11 June 1990
TIME ALLOWED : 3 hours

Instructions to candidates : Attempt any SEVEN questions
All questions carry equal marks
This paper has eight questions

Available from invigilator :

1. (a) Discuss the various uses of "tonnage" of ships.
(b) Explain the advantages of tonnage measurement under the International Tonnage Convention 1969 as compared to the previous systems.
2. (a) On first joining a ship as master state the measures you would take to minimise the risk of your ship being involved in a collision.
(b) Explain the legal obligations of a master after his ship has collided with another ship at sea.
3. Whilst your ship is in a foreign port, the managers, who employ both you and the crew, inform you that the ownership, port of registry and name of the ship are to be changed.
(a) Discuss how this would affect the statutory documents on the ship.
(b) Suggest appropriate steps that the master should take.
4. Explain the pilot's official position on board ship.
5. List and describe the usual formalities to be completed when a ship has arrived in any port.
6. (a) Summarise the scope of the cover provided by P & I Clubs.
(b) Outline any exceptions and limitations to this cover.
7. (a) State the main functions of a Bill of Lading.
(b) Explain the precautions that a master should take when signing a Bill of Lading.
8. Deviation can cause a breach of a contract of carriage of goods by sea.
(a) Explain the effect of deviation on exception clauses.
(b) Identify three situations where deviation may be allowed.