

HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC
DEPARTMENT OF NAUTICAL STUDIES

COURSE : CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY IN SHIP COMMAND
CLASS : PART B
SESSION : 1990-91
SUBJECT : COMMERCE AND LAW
DATE : 24 JUNE 1991 (Re exam)
TIME ALLOWED : 3 HOURS

Instructions to candidates : Attempt questions 1, 2 and 3 and any FOUR of the remainder.
This paper has nine questions

Available from invigilator :

1. (a) State the functions and periods of validity of the following:-
- (i) Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate
 - (ii) International Load Line Certificate
 - (iii) International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate

- (b) Under the new Hong Kong ship registry, certain surveys and certification can be carried out by specified Classification Societies.

Identify the continuing role of the Marine Department in such surveys and certification.

(20 marks)

2. (a) A well managed vessel should have a good organisation on-board for health and safety practices.
Explain how you would establish such an organisation.

- (b) A seaman on board your vessel falls from the mast during a passage to a foreign port and is injured. He dies three days later.
Write a suitable report to the Owners.

(20 marks)

3. (a) Your vessel trades in areas with extensive traffice separation schemes. Outline the steps you would take from a management point of view to ensure safe passage through the schemes.

- (b) State your statutory responsibilities and your responsibilities to protect the shipowner's interests.

(20 marks)

4. Explain the circumstances where the following may be convened in Hong Kong and indicate who officiates at each:

- (i) A Preliminary Inquiry
- (ii) A Marine Court
- (iii) an Inquiry into the fitness of officers.

(10 marks)

5. Explain how an International Convention comes into force for Hong Kong registered vessels.

(10 marks)

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6. Your vessel is a bulk carrier on a voyage charter and is discharging a cargo using shore grabs.

During discharge the chief mate reports to you that considerable grab damage is occurring.

Outline the ways in which the owners can be protected under an appropriate "stevedore damage clause" in the charterparty.

(10 marks)

7. Discuss the principles of safe manning for deck crew and suggest particular factors which would be considered by the Marine Department before issuing a Minimum Safe Manning Certificate to a handy-size products carrier.

(10 marks)

8. Summarise the responsibilities of the shipowner, as a carrier, under the Hague Visby Rules.

(10 marks)

9. (a) Explain the role of Mutual Associations
(b) Describe the structure of a Mutual Association.

(10 marks)

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