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**Bachelor of Science Honours in Fisheries and Marine Sciences Degree/ Bachelor of
Science Honours in Marine and Freshwater Sciences Degree**

Level III Semester II Examinations – April/May 2025

OCG 3251: Law of the Sea

Time: 1 hour

Answer only **Two (02)** questions

1. 'The project for the delimitation of the outer edge of the continental shelf (DECOM) as per the United Nations's Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), initiated in 1999, has finally been completed'.

Describe major criteria used in this project to make this claim a legal and fair as provided in the UNCLOS.

(50 marks)

2. Write short notes on the followings.

- a. Archipelagic baseline and archipelagic waters
- b. Maritime features described under the Law of the Sea
- c. Continental margin and its implications
- d. Legality of Kachchathivu island
- e. Innocent passage

(10 Marks * 5 = 50 marks)

3. "The jurisdiction and the sovereignty of a coastal state extends from its baseline into various ocean zones with various privilege status".

Justify this statement providing suitable examples, highlighting the duties and responsibilities of coastal nations, in managing these maritime zones.

(50 marks)

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