



Professional Qualification in SHIPPING & LOGISTICS

Level 4 Diploma

UNIT 1 – MERCANTILE AND SHIPPING PRACTICE

Question 1

Discuss the procedures and steps involved in the importation of goods. (10 marks)

Distinguish between the terms Preferential Tariff Rate and Non-Preferential Tariff Rate. (10 marks)

Question 2

Discuss the information contained on the front page of a Bill of Lading (BOL) for a consignment of light machinery to be shipped by sea. Use a diagram of the front page of a BOL to support your answer. (20 marks)

Question 3

State **TWO** roles of a BOL used in international trade. (4 marks)

Explain the purpose of a BOL being transferable by endorsement. (6 marks)

Illustrate the actions the receiver of goods could take if they find the goods are not of the description as named in the BOL regarding quality. Use examples to support your answer. (10 marks)

Question 4

Discuss why, in a shipping company, it is important for the ship operations department and the ship technical department to have good communication and co-operation with each other. (20 marks)

Question 5

Suggest **FOUR** ways the appointed port agent may assist the ships master in his duties while the vessel is in port. (8 marks)

Discuss the possible consequences of the port agent acting outside their authority level, even when claiming that they acted as an agent of necessity. (12 marks)