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SHIPBROKERS

NOVEMBER 2025 EXAMINATION SESSION

WEDNESDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2025 - MORNING

INTRODUCTION TO SHIPPING

Time allowed – three hours

Answer any FIVE questions – all questions carry equal marks

Please read the questions carefully before answering

1. Identify and draw the following on the world map provided.

Continents:

- i. Asia
- ii. Africa
- iii. Europe
- iv. South America
- v. Australia

Waterways:

- vi. St. Lawrence Seaway
- vii. Malacca Strait
- viii. Straits of Hormuz
- ix. English Channel
- x. Strait of Gibraltar

Seas/Oceans:

- xi. Atlantic Ocean
- xii. Pacific Ocean
- xiii. Indian Ocean
- xiv. Caribbean Sea
- xv. South China Sea

Major ports:

- xvi. Houston
- xvii. Hamburg
- xviii. Shanghai
- xix. Port Hedland
- xx. Santos

PLEASE TURN OVER.

2. Answer **BOTH** parts of the question.

Describe the basic elements of:

- a) A voyage charter party and give **ONE** example of a common form used.
- b) A time charter party and give **ONE** example of a common form used.

3. Explain the main functions of a Bill of Lading and its role in international trade.

4. Describe the role of Port State Control (PSC).

5. Answer **ALL** parts of the question.

- a) Describe the characteristics of an AFRAMAX tanker, including dimensions, tonnage, cargo gear and equipment.
- b) Draw a side profile and a cross-section of the vessel. Do not draw a plan view.
- c) Label the significant parts of the vessel.
- d) Give details of **ONE** trade the vessel operates in, where and how it will load, carry and discharge its cargo.

Use the world map provided to support your answer.

6. Answer **BOTH** parts of the question.

- a) What are the principles of a legally binding contract?
- b) Apply the above principles to a maritime document of your choice. Explain with examples for each element.

7. Answer **BOTH** parts of the question.

- a) Explain the importance of the load line in international shipping.
- b) Draw a detailed load line symbol. Labelling the different marks and their significance.

8. Answer **BOTH** parts of the question.

- a) Provide the full range of vessels in **EITHER** dry or wet trades, based on their deadweight tonnage and the trade names given to each type per the applicable tonnage and trade route they are in. Why are they named as such, and what cargo can they take?
- b) Draw on the world map provided **ONE** major trade route for a dry cargo and **ONE** major trade route for a wet cargo, giving the full details of the port of loading and port of discharge, seas, lanes, straits, continents and countries she will pass.