



MONDAY 22nd APRIL 2013 – 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. Discuss some of the factors which have led to the development of the VLCC tanker. Draw a cross-section of this ship and mark upon the world map provided a typical voyage from a named Arabian Gulf loading port to a named Dutch port of discharge.
2. An exporter of fruit from New Zealand, destined for north European ports, is considering whether to change transportation policy from voyage charter to suit his immediate requirements to enter into a liner shipment arrangement. Provide reasons why the exporter should choose one or other of these.
3. **Tort** is often described as the failure of a Duty of Care. Give **three** examples of the various tort classifications and explain how tort is linked to the introduction of the 'Himalaya' clause.
4. Define the accounting term **budgeting** and expand this definition to the practical application of budget preparation. Explain how a company reviews its forecasts and reacts to the results.
5. Define both **registration** and **classification**. Explain why vessels are classed and how a classification society is chosen. Who ensures consistent standards across the classification societies?
6. Economists frequently describe nations as enjoying **absolute** and **comparative advantage**. Explain the meaning of these terms and explain how **factors of production** would be influential in determining the advantages.
7. The duties of a **port agent** may be broadly divided between actions taken **before**, **during** and **after** the port call. For a vessel under a voyage charter describe the agent's duties to be performed and state what differences there might be depending upon whether the owner or charterer nominated the agent.
8. Draw a typical set of **loadline marks**. Describe the background and purpose behind these marks and explain what the letters mean.