



**NOVEMBER 2022 EXAMINATION SESSION
TUESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2022 – AFTERNOON**

LINER TRADES

Time allowed – three hours

Answer any FIVE questions – all questions carry equal marks

Please read the questions carefully before answering

1. Liner shipping schedule reliability has deteriorated badly in most trades, over the last two years. Explain why this has happened and, using examples of some trades, describe what actions carriers have taken to improve reliability; and how merchants have worked to reduce their exposure.
2. Over recent years shippers have complained in many countries around the world about liner shipping consortia abusing their dominant position. Discuss the validity of these complaints and what solutions and remedies might be available?
3. Answer **ALL** parts of the question.
 - a) Fully describe the characteristics including dimensions, tonnages, of the following type of vessel:

2500/3000 TEU Containership
 - b) Draw a profile and cross section of the vessel and label the significant parts of the vessel.
 - c) Give details of **ONE** trade the vessel operates in, where it will load, carry and discharge its cargo.

Use the world map provided to support your answer.

4. Explain the activities of a Non-Vessel Operating Common Carrier [NVOCC] and the contractual relationship of an NVOCC with the cargo owner and the carrier. Discuss the relationship between bills of lading issued by the NVOCC and the ocean carrier respectively and identify any problems that may arise.

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5. Explain the reason for the application of and purpose of **FOUR** of the following charges or surcharges which are payable to carriers in addition to freight and comment why these charges are often unpopular with merchants:
- Bunker Surcharge
 - Container detention and demurrage fees
 - Terminal Handling Charges
 - Import Service Fees or Documentation Charges
 - Currency Adjustment Charge
 - Port Congestion Charge
 - War Risk
6. Container Vessels and Specialised Reefer Vessels compete for trade in refrigerated cargo with container vessels handling a large share of this growing market. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of using each mode of transport using some key trade lanes as examples, using the world map provided to support your answer.
Give an overview of the likely developments in this trade sector over the next 5 years.
7. Answer **BOTH** parts of the question.
- Containers are either owned or leased equipment. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of both for the carrier and the types of leasing agreement that are available.
 - Briefly describe the key features of **ALL** the following equipment and cargo carried:
 - Tank Containers
 - Open Top Containers
 - High Cube Containers
 - Flat Rack Containers
8. Explain the role and relevance of **FOUR** of the following abbreviations and their role within the liner industry.
- WTO
 - BIMCO
 - UNCTAD
 - IMO
 - ICC
 - FONASBA
 - IACS