



NOVEMBER 2024 EXAMINATION SESSION  
WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024 – MORNING

## LINER TRADES

Time allowed – three hours

Answer any FIVE questions – all questions carry equal marks

Please read the questions carefully before answering

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

The following trades each have growing significance in global trade.

- Asia to East Coast South America Trade
- Asia to US East Coast Trade
- Asia to Australasia Trade

Using the world map provided, select and describe **TWO** of the above trade routes showing key ports of call. Separately describe how the services are structured, size of trade, size of vessels used and key commodities moving.

2. NVOCC and specialised logistics operators are becoming increasingly significant in today's liner shipping industry. Explain why this is happening and what are the advantages and disadvantages to exporters and importers of using them? Support your answer with examples from **TWO** different cargo types.
3. Answer **BOTH** parts of the question.

Whilst much attention remains in the large containership market, the 3,000-4,000 TEU container [baby Panamax] fleet is substantial in size and robust in its activity, and they are used in most trading areas of the world.

- a) Draw a profile and cross-section of these types of vessels and highlight within the drawing the main features of the vessel including measurements and capacity.
- b) Describe **TWO** trading areas where this vessel would operate.

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4. Select and describe **FOUR** of the following clauses commonly found in bills of lading and their importance to the carrier.

- i. General Average
- ii. Himalaya Clause
- iii. Freight and Lien
- iv. Return of Containers
- v. Dangerous Goods
- vi. Both to blame collision clause

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

a) Explain in detail when running a liner trade service what various vessel operating costs are and the revenue sources which should cover these costs.

b) Discuss how costs can be reduced in situations where revenue does not cover costs.

6. Describe the main characteristics of **FOUR** of the following container types, identifying at least **TWO** main commodities for which each type may be used and the characteristics of those cargoes.

- i. Flat Rack
- ii. Tank Container
- iii. High Cube Container
- iv. Bulk Container
- v. Open Top
- vi. Reefer Container
- vii. Platform

7. Following the arrival of a container from a designated origin the consignee determines that the cargo has sustained damage.

Fully describe the procedures and actions that should be taken by both the consignee and the carrier or agent.

8. The use of IT systems and new technology have rapidly been employed in the container industry in a variety of roles and are now essential for the successful running of large container liner companies due to the sheer size of transactions taking place.

Explain in detail how the use of different IT systems has helped with this growth and outline what the benefits have been to carriers, shippers, consignees, and any other parties?