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**FIRST SEMESTER 2014/2015 EXAMINATION
COURSE: MLD 805: LEGISLATIVE STRUCTURE AND ARRANGEMENT**

Answer any FOUR Questions

1. (a) Identify and state THREE of the items included in the part of a statute usually described by the common term, "Preliminary Part of Preliminary Provisions".

(b) Give an example of the format of each item you identify and its relevance, if any, in statutory interpretations.
2. You have been requested to draft a Bill to abolish the Death Sentence in Nigeria. Provide a sequential outline of the heads of an ideal structure which you will follow in making the draft, indicating the proper introductory statement for each structural head.
3. (a) Explain what you understand by the expression, "Administrative Provisions" of a statute.
(b) Provide examples of THREE issues usually included in such provisions and their appropriate drafting formats.
4. Write explanatory notes on any THREE of the following parts of a statute and the extent the courts can use them in statutory interpretation:
 - (a) Commencement;
 - (b) Definition (or interpretation) clauses;
 - (c) Preamble;
 - (d) Purpose clause;
 - (e) Short title.
5. Marginal notes of a statute are sometimes described as "statutory signposts".
 - (a) Explain what a marginal note is, and give THREE examples of it.
 - (b) To what extent, if at all, do courts use marginal notes as aid in statutory interpretations?
6. The structure and general arrangement of a bill or statute follow more or less a definite pattern.
 - (a) Identify and explain the issues usually embodied in the part generally known as the "Final Part or Provisions".
 - (b) Clearly explain and illustrate the significance of TWO of the identified issues in statutory interpretation.

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