

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE STUDIES
(NILS)/UNIVERSITY OF BENIN (UNIBEN) POSTGRADUATE
PROGRAMME
MASTERS IN LEGISLATIVE STUDIES (MLS)
2nd Semester 2015/2016 Examinations.**

Time Allowed: 3 hours

COURSE TITLE: Comparative Legislative Practice & Procedure

COURSE CODE: MLD 804

COURSE LECTURER: Prof. Maxwell Gidado.

Answer four (4) questions only.

1. Critically examine the legislative functions and powers of the National and State Assemblies in Nigeria
2. Enumerate the various kinds of Committees that exist in a Parliament, and outline in detail the importance or advantages of such Committees in modern day legislative practice and procedure.
3. Write short notes on the following:
 - i) The role of a mace in any Parliament.
 - ii) The importance of a gavel in parliamentary proceedings.
 - iii) The functions of the Sergeant-at-Arms in a Parliament.
 - iv) Executive and Private Member bills.
4. The relationship between the Media and any Parliament must be complementary and symbiotic. Discuss this in the light of the fact that as the legislator looks to the media to give news of his/her performance to his/her people at home, in a similar manner, the Media looks to the Parliament to create news for their reportage in their respective outfits.
5. What do you understand by Presidential System of government? In your answer compare and contrast it with a Parliamentary System of government.
6. Examine in detail the several stages a bill goes through to become law in both National and State Assemblies in Nigeria.