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**COURSE CODE: MLS 803 (NIGERIAN LEGAL SYSTEM & PROCESS 1)**

**DATE:                   OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

**TIME:                   2PM. TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS. ALL QUESTIONS  
CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

1. Law is important for a society for it serves as a norm of conduct for citizens. Thus, define the concept 'Law' and examine fully its various functions in society.
2. To what extent do you recognize English law as one of the most significant sources of Nigerian law?
3. Law can be classified into two, public and private. Do you agree? If not state further classifications.
4. Section 6 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria provides for the existence of the judicature in Nigeria as one of the three arms of government. In addition, the Constitution goes further to specially establish various superior courts of record for the Federation and the States respectively. Itemize these courts referred to above and comment on the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Nigeria.
5. Crime is increasing day by day with the increase in the complexity of the civilization. Hence, without the Police, there would be chaos in the society and the people would live in a Hobbesian state of nature in which life would be nasty, brutish and short. Do you agree? If so analyse the basic duties and responsibilities of Police in the society.
6. Whereas a large segment of the public seems to be familiar with the functions of the Police and Courts in the Criminal Justice System, a considerable number are ignorant of the important role of Prisons in this regard. In the light of the above, discuss the basic functions of the Prisons in the Nigerian Criminal Justice System.