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

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TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

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

1. The Nigerian Legal System recognizes customary law as a primary source of law, however, the Nigerian Courts would not enforce customs that are repugnant to natural justice, equity and good conscience. Discuss
2. Law is important in any society for it serves as a norm of conduct for citizens. Thus, define the concept of "Law" and examine fully its various functions in a society.
3. S.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. The Constitution goes further to specially establish various superior courts of record for the federation and states respectively. Itemize these courts referred to above and comment in detail on the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Nigeria.
4. Whereas a large chunk of the people are familiar with the functions or duties of the Police and courts in the criminal justice system, a considerable number too are ignorant of the important role of prisons in this regards. In the light of the above, discuss the basic functions of the prisons in the Nigerian Criminal Justice system.
5. Crime is in the increase daily with the increase in sophistication in society. Hence, without the police, there would be chaos in the society and the people would live in an Hobbesian state of nature in which life would be nasty, brutish and short. Do you agree? If so, analyze the basic duties and responsibilities of the Nigerian Police under the Nigerian Police Act LFN 2004.
6. The modern trend in dispute resolution approaches is to de-emphasize the Adversarial or adjudicatory one-door procedure. Instead more recourse is now being had to Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) methods or the multi door court system. Critically examine the evolution, pros and cons of this modern trend in the administration of justice system in Nigeria.