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SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Programmes: **MLS, MPD, MEPP**
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Course Code: **GEC 801**

Course Title: **Electoral Process**

Instructions:

- i. Answer any Four (4) Questions, each question carries **17.5marks**
- ii. Time allowed: **3hours**
- iii. Write your **Name and Registration Number Only**
- iv. Orderly arrangement and good presentation of materials will be considered.
- v. Cross out any unused sheet(s) in your answer booklet before you submit it.

Question One

- a. Discuss the constituent elements in the three (3) phases of The Electoral Cycle.
(12 marks)
- b. Which of the phases is most important for an Election Management Body? Provide justification for your opinion **(5.5 marks)**

Question Two

- a. Explain the concept Internal Party Democracy? **(2.5 marks)**
- b. Discuss three (3) challenges facing Internal Party Democracy in Nigeria?
(7.5 marks)

- c. Do you think that the 2022 Electoral Act has adequately addressed the challenges confronting Internal Party Democracy in Nigeria? Justify your opinion **(5marks)**
- d. What are the differences between Election Monitoring and Election Observation?
(2.5marks)

Question Three

- a. What do you understand by E-voting? **(2.5marks)**
- b. Discuss three (3) merits and three (3) demerits of E-voting **(12 marks)**
- c. Will you recommend e-voting for the Independent National Electoral Commission in Nigeria in the conduct of future elections. Justify your opinion. **(5marks)**

Question Four

- a. Discuss five (5) major changes introduced by the new Electoral Act, 2022 and the possible implications of the changes on upcoming 2023 general elections.
(15marks)
- b. Do you think that the new Electoral Act 2022 can guarantee free, fair and credible in future elections in Nigeria? **(2.5 marks)**

Question Five

- a. What do you understand by Bimodal Voter Accreditation System (BVAS) **(2.5marks)**
- b. Compare and contrast the BVAS with the Smart Card Reader as technological devices for elections in Nigeria. **(5marks)**
- c. Do you think that the BVAS can assist the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to optimally deliver its mandate of free, fair and credible elections. Justify your opinion. **(10marks)**

Question Six

With the aid of appropriate examples explain the following concepts

- a. First Past the Post Electoral System **(3.5 marks)**
- b. Electoral College **(3.5 marks)**
- c. Electoral Integrity **(3.5 marks)**
- d. Vote Trading **(3.5 marks)**
- e. God-Fatherism **(3.5 marks)**