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## NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE AND DEMOCRATIC STUDIES/ UNIVERSITY OF BENIN POST GRADUATE PROGRAMMES

### SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Programmes: **PGD**  
Semester: **2<sup>nd</sup>**

Session: 2021/2022  
Course Code: **MEP 708**

Course Title: **Technology and Elections**

#### Instructions:

- i. Answer **Four (4)** Questions, **Question One is compulsory**
- 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

Critically discuss the assertion that the use of technology is only a tool in election management and not an end in itself. **(25 marks)**

#### Question Two

Nigeria has adopted the Bimodal Voter Accreditation System (BVAS) for conducting its elections. Based on your knowledge from the course, critically assess the prospects of this technology for engendering credible elections in the country. **(15 marks)**

#### Question Three

Scholars and practitioners have suggested that new technologies enlarge the spaces for citizen participation in the electoral process. Critically analyse four (4) dynamics associated with this claim. **(15 marks)**

#### **Question Four**

A key concern for Electoral Management Bodies (EMBs) is securing the integrity of the votes by deploying Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in an election. Discuss four (4) cyber-security challenges that may affect the electoral process and how these may be mitigated. **(15 marks)**

#### **Question Five**

Modern democracies are adopting electronic means to generate reliable voters' databases. Using relevant examples, evaluate the prospects and concerns of electronic voters' registration (EVR) across the globe. **(15 marks)**

#### **Question Six**

Drawing from conversations during the course, critically explain five (5) socio-political dynamics that may arise in the application of ICTs in elections. **(15 marks)**