

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE AND DEMOCRATIC  
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**SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

Programmes: **MLS & MPD & MLD**

Session: **2017/2018**

Semester: **1<sup>st</sup> Semester**

Course Code: **MLS 801**

Course Title: - **Structure, Functions and Powers of the Legislature**

**Instruction:** i. Answer any **4 questions, each question carries equal marks.**

- ii. Time allowed: **3hours**    iii Write your **Matriculation Number Only**  
iv. Orderly arrangement and good presentation of materials will be considered.

**Question One**

a Illustrating with appropriate examples, Distinguish the Legislature under the Presidential and Parliamentary system of Governments

**(5 marks)**

b Identify and discuss the constituents of the legislature under any system of Government of your choice.

**(7 marks)**

c The words "Legislature" and "Parliament" are often used interchangeably, draw a distinction between them with verifiable examples.

**(5.5 marks)**

**Sub-Total 17.5marks**

**Question Two**

- a. Briefly discuss the following types of legislatures and provide examples where they are practiced:
- i. Bicameral Legislature
  - ii. Unicameral Legislature

**(5 marks)**

- b. Separation of Powers is essential in any democratic governments, briefly explain Legislature-Judicial relationship.

**(7marks)**

- c. Briefly explain the following functions of the Legislature

- (i) Lawmaking function
- (ii) Oversight function
- (iii) Elective function
- (iv) Judicial function
- (v) Deliberative function

**(5 marks)**

**Sub-Total 17.5marks**

### **Question Three**

3a Discuss the Powers of the Legislature under the presidential and parliamentary system of Governments.

**(10 marks)**

3b Explain the Limitations of the Powers of the Legislature as highlighted and discussed in "a" above.

**(7.5 marks)**

**Sub-Total 17.5marks**

### **Question Four**

a Explain the roles and importance of bureaucracy in Legislative Proceedings.

**(10marks)**

b Identify some of the problems associated with bureaucracy in the Nigerian parliament.

**(7.5 marks)**

**Sub-Total 17.5marks**

### **Question Five**

a. Discuss in details the constitutional provisions of the Legislature in the Federal Republic of Nigeria's 1999 Constitution.

**(10marks)**

b. Identify grey areas in the provisions of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as it affect the Legislature and suggest ways of addressing them.

**(7.5 marks)**

**Sub-Total 17.5marks**

### **Question Six**

a. Using the chicken-egg, egg-chicken analogy, explain the role of parliamentary committees in the law making process.

**(9marks)**

b. Briefly described the role of the Legislature as the Representative of the people.

**(8.5 marks)**

**Sub-Total 17.5marks**