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SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Programmes: **MLS**
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Course Code: **MLS 802**

Course Title: **Comparative Practice and Procedure**

Instructions:

- i. Answer Four (4) Questions, questions **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

- a. What do you understand by legislative privileges? **(5 Marks)**
- b. Why do legislatures establish Legislative Ethics and Code of Conduct? **(5 Marks)**
- c. Outline two legislative privileges expressed in the 1999 Constitution of Nigeria? **(5 marks)**
- d. Why is parliamentary immunity necessary for legislators? **(5 marks)**

Question Two

Identify and discuss the differences in the law making process in the Ghanaian and Nigerian legislatures. **(15 Marks)**

Question Three

- a. Discuss the components of women representation in parliament, according to Pitkin (1967). **(10 Marks)**
- b. Why is there low percentage of women in Nigeria's National Assembly? **(5 Marks)**

Question Four

With reference to the US Congress, discuss how political party dynamics could affect legislative effectiveness. **(15 Marks)**

Question Five

- a. Discuss the debate over the relative merits of bicameral over unicameral legislatures? **(10 Marks)**
- b. Examine the argument that Nigeria should abandon its bicameral system for a unicameral one. **(5 Marks)**

Question Six

Relying on Stapenhurst, Jacobs and Olaore (2016), discuss any 3 external factors that might affect legislative effectiveness. **(15 Marks)**