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Course Code: **MPD 804**

Course Title: **Parliamentary Committees and Legislative Process**

Instructions:

- i. Answer any Four (4) Questions only, 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. What are Constituency Projects and how are they implemented in Nigeria? **(2marks)**
- b. Explain the concept of Constituency Office. **(2marks)**
- c. Identify and briefly explain five (5) merits of Constituency Offices. **(7.5marks)**
- d. What do you understand by the Transparency? **(2marks)**
- e. Briefly discuss the role of the Civil Society Organisations in enhancing the Accountability process in the legislature **(4marks)**

Question Two

- a. What is the difference between Constituent Assembly and Parliament? **(3.5marks)**
- b. Distinguish between Parliament and Legislative Assembly. **(4marks)**
- c. Members of the Legislature do virtually the same thing whether in the American Congress where they Congregate, or in the British Parliament where they Parley, or in the Nigeria National Assembly where they Assemble. Discuss. **(10marks)**

Question Three

- a. Distinguish between minutes of a meeting by a legislative Committee and report of a legislative committee on its activities. **(2marks)**
- b. Why do you think that legislative reports should be standardised in the National Assembly? **(2marks)**
- c. Identify and briefly explain any five (5) types of legislative reports in the legislature. **(7.5marks)**
- d. Prepare the template for writing any one (1) of the legislative reports in the National Assembly **(3marks)**
- e. Briefly discuss the procedure by which a legislative report is transformed into a resolution by the House of Representatives in the National Assembly. **(3marks)**

Question Four

- a. Identify five (5) factors that may promote an effective Committee system in the National Assembly. **(5marks)**
- b. Identify (5) qualities of a chairperson of committee in the legislature. **(2.5marks)**
- c. Identify (3) challenges facing legislative committees in the National Assembly and suggest appropriate solutions to the challenges you identify. **(6marks)**
- d. Identify (4) legislative support staff and state their job description. **(4marks)**

Question Five

- a. Why do you think that Committees are necessary to conduct the business of Legislatures? **(2marks)**
- b. Identify 5 functions of Legislative Committees. **(5marks)**
- c. Briefly explain how Legislative Committees carry out their duties. **(2.5marks)**
- d. Assuming you are the Clerk of one of the Legislative Committees in the Nigeria National Assembly, and you have been requested to make a presentation to newly recruited staff of the Assembly on the duties of Committee Clerk. Prepare a highlight of your presentation. **(5marks)**
- e. Briefly discuss the role of Committees during plenary proceedings. **(3marks)**

Question Six

With appropriate examples distinguish between the following pair of concepts:

- a. Call to Account and Hold to Account **(3.5marks)**
- b. Policing and Watch Dog. **(3.5marks)**
- c. Working FOR the Legislature and Working WITH the Legislature by the Auditor General in Nigeria. **(3.5marks)**
- d. Legislative Research and Academic Research **(3.5marks)**
- e. Standing Committee and Special Committee. **(3.5marks)**