



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

SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Programme: **MLS**

Session: **2017/2018**

Semester: **1st Semester**

Course Code: **MLS 807**

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

Instructions: i. Answer any **4 Questions**, each question carries equal marks

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

Question One

- a. What are Legislative Committees? **1.5marks**
b. Identify and briefly discuss **3** common characteristics of Legislative Committees. **8marks**
c. Name and explain **3** types of Legislative committees in the Nigerian National assembly. Illustrate with appropriate examples. **8marks**

Sub-total 17.5marks

Question Two

- a. Explain the concept of Legislative Procedure. **1.5marks**
b. Discuss 4 Legislative Procedural Issues in the Nigeria National Assembly. **8marks**
c. Examine 4 requirements for sound Procedural Advice and Guidance in the Legislature. **8marks**

Sub-total 17.5marks

Question Three

- a. What do you understand by Legislative Research and why is it important to in the Legislators? **3.5marks**
- b. Discuss Legislative Research Process. **8marks**
- c. Identify and explain 4 research tools that you are familiar with. **6marks**

Sub-total 17.5marks

Question Four

Illustrating with appropriate examples highlight the differences among Public, Private and Hybrid bills.

7.5marks

Discuss the fundamental steps for a bill to become law in the Nigeria National Assembly

10 marks

Sub-total 17.5marks

Question Five

- a. Explain the following concepts:
 - i. Individual Accountability
 - ii. Institutional Accountability
 - iii. Public Accountability

3marks

- b. Discuss 5 tools of legislative accountability.

5marks

- c. Examine the role of Committee staff in legislative accountability **5.5marks**

- d. What **4** measures will you like to recommend to strengthen accountability in the Nigeria National Assembly? **4marks**

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Question Six

Distinguish between the following pairs of concepts

- a. Permanent Committees and Ad hoc Committees
- b. Transparency and Accountability
- c. Legislative Oversight and Policing
- d. Call to Account and Hold to Account
- e. Applied Research and Action Research

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