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SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Programmes: **MLS, MPD, MEP**

Session: **2018/2019**

Semester: **1st Semester**

Course Code: **MLS 801**

Course Title: - **Powers, Functions and of Parliament**

Instruction: i. Answer any **4 questions**, each question carries **17.5 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. Write short note on the followings:

- i. Congress
- ii. House of Commons/ House of Lords
- iii. Parliament
- iv. Bicameral legislature
- v. Senate.

(10 marks)

1b, Highlight the real constituents of the legislature

(7.5 marks)

Question Two

a. Write short notes on the followings:

- i. Legislative Functions
- ii. Oversight Functions
- iii. Elective Functions
- iv. Investigative Functions
- v. Judicial Functions

(10 marks)

b. Explain, in detail, how the legislature curtails the excesses of the executive.

(7.5 marks)

Question Three

a. Compare and contrast the American Congress with the British Parliament. (10 marks)

b. Examine the impact of the Congress on the American government. (7.5 marks)