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Course Code: **MLS 803**

Course Title: **NIGERIAN LEGAL SYSTEM & PROCESS**

**Instruction:** i. Answer **Question 1** and any other **3** questions.

ii. Time allowed: **3 hours** iii Write your **Matriculation Number Only**

iv. Orderly arrangement and good presentation of materials will be considered.

**Question One**

If you agree that wherever there is a society, there must be laws, define the concept 'Law' and examine fully its various functions in society **(22 Marks)**.

**Question Two**

To what extent do you recognize the Received English Common Law as one of the most significant sources of the Nigerian legal system? **(16 Marks)**

**Question Three**

The 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria recognized and established the various superior courts of record for the Federation and the States, respectively. With the aid of an organogram, itemize these courts referred to above and comment on the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Nigeria. **(16 Marks)**

**Question Four**

Without the Police, there would be chaos in the society and the people would live in a Hobbesian stage of nature in which life would be nasty, brutish and short. In the light of the above, discuss the basic duties and powers of the Nigerian Police Force. **(16 Marks)**

**Question Five**

Whereas a large segment of the public seems to be familiar with the functions of the Police and Courts in the Criminal Justice System, a considerable number are ignorant of the important role of Prisons in this regard. In the light of the above, discuss the basic functions of the Prisons in the Nigerian Criminal Justice System. **(16 Marks)**

**Question Six**

The modern trend in disputes resolution worldwide is to de-emphasise litigation procedure – or the "mono door court" system. Instead more recourse is now being had to Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) or "multi door court" methods. Critically examine its pros and cons, as well as its application under the Nigerian administration of justice system. **(16 Marks)**