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SEMESTER EXAMINATION

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Course Code: **MLS 801**

Course Title: **Structure, Powers and Functions of the Legislature**

Instructions:

- i. Answer Question One and any other three Questions. Question One carries 25 marks, while other Questions carry **15marks each**.
- 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. Democracy in the world cannot be complete without the legislature, Discuss the Evolution and emergence of the Legislature of any Democracy of your choice in the world. **(10marks)**
- b. Write short note on the followings with examples: **(10marks)**
 - i. Congress
 - ii. House of Commons/ House of Lords
 - iii. Parliament
 - iv. Bicameral legislature
 - v. Unicameral Legislature. **(10 marks)**
- c. Discuss they real constituents of the legislature **(5 marks)**

Question Two

- a. Where things go terribly wrong in bureaucracies, it is often because they are not acting bureaucratically enough. Discuss the role of Bureaucracy in the legislature. (5marks)
- b. Discuss the constitutional provisions of the legislature, as well as the oversight or surveillance functions it performs. (10 marks)

Question Three

- a. Write short notes on the followings with verifiable examples:
- 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. (2.5 marks)
- c. Enumerate and discuss the limitations of the powers of the legislatures. (2.5 marks)

Question Four

- a. Using the chicken-egg, egg-chicken analogy, discuss the process in appropriation bill. (10 marks)
- b. Express your views about the legislative process in Nigeria. (5marks)

Question Five

- a. Compare and contrast the American Congress with the British Parliament. (10 marks)
- b. Examine the impact of the Congress on the American government. (2.5 marks)
- c. Write short note on the British parliament. (2.5 marks)

Question Six

- a. Discuss in details the legislature as representative of the people. (10 marks)
- b. Discuss the doctrine of separation of powers as a limitation. (5marks)