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SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Programme: MPD

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Course Code: MPD 803

Course Title: COMPARATIVE LEGISLATURE

Instructions:

- i. Answer Question One (1) is Compulsory and any other Three (3) Questions. Each question carries 17.5 marks.
- ii. Time allowed: 3hours.
- iii. Write your Name and Matriculation 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

1. (a) Outline the defining characteristics of the followings:
 - (I) Presidential form of government
 - (II) Parliamentary form of government
 - (III) Hybrid system
- (b) Briefly explain the following.
 - (I) Legislative Viscosity
 - (II) Rubber stamp legislature

(7.5 Marks)

- (III) Policy-making parliaments
- (IV) Arena Parliament
- (V) Legitimation function of parliament

(10 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

Debate the claim that parliaments are in decline (17.5 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

Relying on Stapenhurst, Jacobs and Olaore (2016), discuss any 3 external factors that might affect parliamentary effectiveness (17.5 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Using either Ghana or Nigeria as an example, discuss the Influence of political parties on legislative effectiveness. Your answer must take into account political party majority, cohesion, and discipline (17.5 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Compare the constitutional powers of the French President with that of the French National Assembly (17.5 Marks)

QUESTION SIX

- (a) How does Packenkam justify the existence of legislatures in non-democratic settings?
- (b) How useful is Packenham's delineation of legislative functions (17.5 Marks)