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### SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Programmes: **MPPD**

Semester: **1<sup>st</sup>**

Session: **2022/2023**

Course Code: **MPPD 809**

Course Title: **Structure, Management and Operations of Parliament**

#### Instructions:

- i. Answer Question One – 22marks, and any other three Questions – 16marks 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 (Compulsory)

- a) Compare and Contrast the Parliamentary system of government with the Presidential system of government
- b) Discuss the role of Parliament in a Democracy

#### Question Two

- a) Discuss the Duties and Functions of the Presiding Officers in the Nigerian National Assembly.
- b) Critically examine the Roles of Legislative Aides as Support Staff in the Legislature.
- c) List and discuss any Six (6) Key functions of a Special/Standing Committee in Nigerian National Assembly

### **Question Three**

- a. How does a draft Bill become an Act of Parliament?
- b. Discuss the role of the Clerk to the National Assembly on the First Day of the meeting of the House.
- c. List at least 4 types of Bills.

### **Question Four**

- a. Discuss the following Parliamentary Terminologies
  - i. Raising a point of Order
  - ii. Order Paper
  - iii. Votes and Proceedings
  - iv. Notice Paper
  - v. Joint Sitting
  - vi. Special Session
  - vii. Adjournment Sine-Dine
  - viii. A legislative day
- b. Critically examine the Roles of the Civil Society Organizations (CSO's ) and the Press as Organs helping to strengthen democracy in Nigeria .

### **Question Five**

- a. Discuss the Constitutional doctrine of the Separation of Powers in a democratic nation as enshrined in the 1999 Constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria (As Amended)
  - a. Discuss Any Four 4 advantages and Disadvantages of unicameral and Bi-Cameral Legislature.

### **Question Six**

What do you understand by the concept of separation of powers and Executive/Legislative Relations, drawing examples from other democratic countries of the world?