



## **NILS/UNIBEN POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME**

### **MLS 801- STRUCTURE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE LEGISLATURE**

#### **Frist Semester Examination Questions**

***Instruction: Answer question one (1) and any other two (2) questions of your choice***

1. "Socioeconomic development, in probabilistic terms, 'tends to make people more secular, tolerant, and trusting and to place more emphasis on self-expression, participation, and the quality of life'." Critically discuss and evaluate this statement in light of Inglehart's theory of cultural change.
2. "Separation of powers" refers to the idea that the major institutions of state should be functionally independent and that no individual should have powers that span these offices. Discuss this in relation to Parliamentary Sovereignty using any 2 parliaments of your choice.
3. The framers of the United States Constitution agreed to grant all states equal representation in the Senate in order to appease the small states—can this decision be philosophically defended? Discuss
4. Was the United States Constitution written to be a self-consciously landmark document or was it simply a compilation of compromises? Support your argument.
5. Discuss the major differences between RSA and the Indian Parliamentary System?
6. Assess the extent to which the process of law making in the Nigerian Legislature is participatory and suggest avenues for improvement.
7. Examine the patterns and performance committees in the Nigerian Legislature.
8. Critically evaluate the role of the Legislature in government accountability and parliamentary oversight.