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SCHOOL OF POST GRADUATE STUDIES

MASTERS IN LEGISLATIVE STUDIES (MLS)

1ST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

LEGISLATIVE PROCESS, BILL SCRUTINY AND ANALYSIS: MLS 805

INSTRUCTION: Answer Four (4) questions only.

1. Either from 1748 during Montesquieu's era or 1215 when King John of great Britain granted the Magna Carta, legislation has always been seen, considered and utilized as veritable tool of facilitating democratic governance. Discuss the veracity of this submission in the context of its historical evolution.
2. Legislation is defined as "that source of law which consists in the declaration of legal rules by a competent authority"

Salmond on Jurisprudence, Ed. By Fizzerald,
12 Ed. 1953, P.115.

Examine the above definition in comparison with several juristic attempts to address the subject which seemed to be dominated by divergent views. You are also expected to highlight the characteristics and classification of legislation within the scope of your analysis.

3. Enumerate and discuss the various drafting process as foundation of bill process and mention the different categories of legislative enactments Rules and Business Committee should keep in view at scrutiny stage preparatory to development of an order paper.

4. a) Explain by enumeration the silent features of ordinary bill and money bill in the bill process.
b) Write short explanatory note on all the following:
 - i) Engrossment
 - ii) Enrolment
 - iii) Second Reading of a bill
 - iv) Conference Committee
 - v) Strategic role of Rules and Business Committee
5. a) Enumerate and explain the various stages of budget process with reference to relevant constitutional and statutory authorities.
b) Highlight procedural process employed to resolve a deadlock over budget process between two chambers in a bi-cameral legislature.
c) How does a legislature especially the National Assembly of Nigeria exercise the override power of Presidential veto?
6. Examine the concurrent powers, procedure and process in consideration of Constitution Amendment Bill, Treaties and Declaration of State of Emergencies by the National Assembly and State House of Assembly in Nigeria.