



NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE STUDIES

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NILS /UNIBEN MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAMME

COURSE TITLE: LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES AND THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

COURSE CODE: MLS 807

Instructions

1. Answer all questions in Section A
2. Answer any 2 questions in Section B
3. Time allowed: 3 hours
4. Write your names and registration number

Section A:

Answer all Questions

1. Briefly discuss the main functions of the Legislature and the use of Legislative Committees to help perform these functions. **(5marks)**
2. Distinguish between the committee system in Nigeria and United States of America with respect to their functions and powers. **(5marks)**
3. Identify 4 tools of Legislative Oversight utilized by the National Assembly and describe the procedure for using any 2 of them. **(5marks)**
4. Identify 5 types of reports usually written by Legislative Committees in Nigeria and provide a format for writing any one of such reports. **(5marks)**
5. Discuss the procedural and administrative support that are required for effective functioning of Legislative committees? **(5marks)**
6. Briefly explain the concept Result Based Management and identify 5 characteristics of performance indicators. **(5marks)**

Total (30 marks)

Section B

Question One

- a. Briefly explain the concept Legislative Oversight **(2 marks)**
- b. Why do you think that legislative oversight is necessary? **(4 marks)**
- c. Identify the objectives and goals of legislative oversight **(8 marks)**
- d. Identify the sources of legislative oversight powers in Nigeria. **(6 marks)**

Total (20 marks)

Question Two

- a. Explain the concept Parliamentary Performance Evaluation Framework? **(2 marks)**
 - b. Why is it important to evaluate performance of legislative committees in Nigeria? **(3 marks)**
 - c. Briefly discuss the issues for consideration in developing and implementing Parliamentary Evaluation Framework. **(8 marks)**
 - d. Discuss 2 challenges facing performance evaluation of legislative committees in the National Assembly of Nigeria. **(4 marks)**
 - e. How do you think the challenges as identified in c above can be reversed? **(3 marks)**
- (Total 20marks)**

Question Three

- a. Explain the term Committee Clerk. **(2 marks)**
 - b. Identify 4 functions of a Committee Clerk in the National Assembly of Nigeria. **(2 marks)**
 - c. Briefly discuss the methods of operations of Legislative Committees in the National Assembly of Nigeria. **(6 marks)**
 - d. Identify 5 problems factors that are militating against optimal effectiveness of Legislative Committees in the national Assembly of Nigeria? **(5 marks)**
 - e. What solutions will you recommend to address the problems identified in d above? **(5 marks)**
- (Total (20 marks)**

Question Four

- a. Explain the concept Government Accountability
- b. Discuss some of the efforts of the National Assembly towards ensuring government accountability at the federal government level in Nigeria
- c. Highlight some of the challenges faced by legislators from the national Assembly in their efforts to ensure government accountability
- d. What recommendations will you like to make to the National Assembly in order to enhance effective government accountability?

Question Five

Write short notes on the following

- a. Zero Based Budgeting System. **(4 marks)**
- b. Public Perception of the National Assembly. **(4 marks)**
- c. Treasury Single Account **(4 marks)**
- d. Constituency Projects **(4 marks)**
- e. Relationship among Policy, Programmes and Projects **(4 marks)**

Total (20 marks)