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MASTERS DEGREE IN LEGISLATIVE STUDIES (MLS)

COURSE CODE: MLS 802 (Comparative Legislative Practice and Procedure)

DATE: 9th March 2016. **TIME:** 2pm. **TIME ALLOWED:** 3 Hours

INSTRUCTION: Answer any four questions as exhaustively as you can. All questions carry equal marks.

1. What do you understand by Presidential System of government? In your answer compare and contrast it with a Parliamentary System of government.
2. Critically examine the legislative functions and powers of the National and State Assemblies in Nigeria.
3. Examine in detail the several stages a bill goes through to become law in both National and State Assemblies in Nigeria.
4. Enumerate the various kinds of Committees that exist in a Parliament, and outline in detail the importance or advantages of such Committees in modern day legislative practice and procedure.
5. The relationship between the Media and any Parliament must be complementary and symbiotic. Discuss this in the light of the fact that as the legislator looks to the media to give news of his performance to his people at home, in a similar manner, the Media looks to the Parliament to create news for their reportage in their respective outfits.
6. Write short notes on the following:
 - i) The role of a mace in any Parliament.
 - ii) The importance of a gavel in parliamentary proceedings.
 - iii) The functions of the Sergeant-at-Arms in a Parliament.

GOOD LUCK