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OF BENIN (UNIBEN) POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME
MASTERS IN LEGISLATIVE STUDIES (MLS)
1st Semester 2015/2016 Examination.**

Time Allowed: 3 hours

COURSE TITLE: Comparative Legislatures

COURSE CODE: MPD 803

COURSE LECTURER: Dr. Jake Dan-Azumi

Answer any Four Questions

1. How useful is the typology of legislatures offered by Michael Mezey in Comparative Legislatures? To what extent can it further our understanding of the Nigerian Legislature?
2. How important is political culture in determining the impact of legislatures on public policy? Discuss with reference to Inglehart's Theory of Value Change and Support for Democracy
3. How would you characterise the contemporary Nigeria parliament in terms of its role in the policy process.
4. To what extent does the institutionalization of a legislature enhance its capacity to affect the outcome of public policy?
5. Provide a critical appraisal of the Presidentialism vs Parliamentarism Debate
6. Are Parliaments in 'decline'? To what extent, and why, have legislatures been weakened or strengthened in recent decades? Are there any emerging patterns?