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**SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

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Course Code: **MPD 809**

Course Title: - **Structure, Operations and Management of Parliament**

**Instructions:** i. Answer any **4** questions, each questions carries equal marks.

- ii. Time allowed: **3hours.**
- iii Write your **Matriculation Number Only.**
- iv. Orderly arrangement and good presentation of materials will be considered.

**Question One**

With appropriate empirical examples, discuss the extent to which the Mace is indispensable in Nigeria's legislative practice and procedure.

**(17½ Marks)**

**Question Two**

- (a) What in your understanding is parliamentary bureaucracy? **(7½ Marks)**
- (b) Identify and discuss four (4) merits and demerits of bureaucracy in the Nigeria's National Assembly. **(10 Marks)**

**(Sub-Total 17 ½ Marks)**

### Question Three

(a) Explain the roles of the presiding officers in the administration of the legislature in Nigeria. **(8½ Marks)**

(b) What are the specific functions of Committee Clerks in the operations of the committee system in Nigeria's National Assembly? **(9 Marks)**

**(Sub-Total 17 ½ Marks)**

### Question Four

In the last few months, high rate of insecurity has been reported across the country. The legislature as symbol of democracy has had its own fair share of insecurity due to its alleged invasion by thugs and the widely reported Mace theft. As a Parliamentary Management Consultant, what strategies would you put in place to secure life and properties and prevent future occurrence of such embarrassing incidence in the National Assembly?

**(17½ Marks)**

### Question Five

(a) Distinguish between parliamentary staff and legislative Aide. **(8½ Marks)**

(b) Identify and discuss at least six (6) challenges militating against the effective performance of Legislative Aides in Nigeria's National Assembly. **(9 Marks)**

**(Sub-Total 17 ½ Marks)**

### Question Six

(a) What are the qualities expected of a good parliamentary research report? **(7½ Marks)**

(b) As a parliamentary researcher, what recommendations would you advance to improve the corporate governance of the Nigerian National Assembly?

**(10½ Marks)**

**(Sub-Total 17 ½ Marks)**