

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE STUDIES (NILS)/  
UNIVERSITY OF BENIN (UNIBEN) POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES  
MASTERS IN LEGISLATIVE STUDIES (MLS)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2016/2017 Examinations.**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS**

**COURSE TITLE: PARL. IN THE MODERN WORLD: CONTEMPORARY  
ISSUES**

**COURSE CODE: MPD 801**

**Instruction: Answer numbers 1 & 2 and any three others for a total of 70 Marks**

1. Write brief answers to the following questions
  - a) Distinguish between authoritarian, totalitarian and democratic patterns;
  - b) Distinguish between power and authority;
  - c) Of the six types of societies, discussed in class, what 7 inventions/attributes make the onset of the agrarian era critical to civilization?
  - d) On power; types of societies
  - e) Who were the social contract writers? Summarize the SC perspective
  - f) What was the clashes of civilization about?
  - g) Explain Fukuyama's end history thesis along with Friedman's model of Globalization and the information superhighway.
  - h) Which two major constitutions during the colonial era do you remember?
  - i) Name at least six Senate Presidents since the onset of the 4<sup>th</sup> Republic.
  
2. (a) Critically evaluate local and international broad elements that shaped the origins of the Fourth Republic National Assembly.  
(b) Why is parliament considered a critical branch of government in a democratic milieu? With concrete case studies and scenarios, identify the fundamental challenges that have been confronting the leadership of National Assembly since inception by ...