

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE AND DEMOCRATIC STUDIES/ UNIVERSITY OF BENIN POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Programmes: **MLS, MPD, MEP**

Session: **2018/2019**

Semester: **1st Semester**

Course Codes: **MPD 809**

Course Title: - **Structure, Management & Operations Of Parliament**

Instruction: i. Answer any **4 questions, each question carries 17.5 marks.**

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

Question One

1. a) Identify and discuss Ten (10) Key functions of Clerks of Committees in Nigeria's National Assembly. **(7¹/₂ marks)**
- b) List and explain 5 Major Challenges faced by Clerks of Committees in the discharge of their responsibilities **(5marks)**
- c) Proffer 5 measures that can be adopted to resolve the challenges identified **(5marks)**

Question Two

2. a) Critically discuss the concept of bureaucracy and its relevance to the workings of the legislature. **(12¹/₂ marks)**
- b) Identify the basic elements of Marx Weber's theory of bureaucracy and show how it applies to the Nigerian National Assembly **(5marks)**

Question Three

3. a) Compare and contrast bicameral and unicameral legislature **(9marks)**
- b) Identify and briefly explain five (4) merits and demerits of bicameral and unicameral legislature **(8¹/₂ marks)**

Question Four

4. a) Based on your understanding of the workings of the parliament, how does parliament ensure accountability in government **(8¹/₂marks)**
b) Identify and explain 6 qualities of a good parliamentary research. **(9marks)**

Question Five

5. a) Discuss in details the following legislative instruments
i) The Constitution
ii) Standing Order
iii) Votes and Proceedings
iv) Order Paper. (10 marks)
b) List and explain eight importance of the Standing Order in the legislative business? **(7¹/₂ marks)**

Question Six

6. a) Using Laswell Model of communication, critically discuss communication process in Nigeria's National Assembly. **(7¹/₂ marks)**
b) Briefly explain the following means of communication in the Nigerian legislature
i. Minutes
ii. Circular
iii. Letters
iv. Memorandum
v. Gazette
vi. Resolution
(5marks)
c) List and explain five (5) qualities of effective internal and external communication in the legislature. **(5marks)**