

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 Code: **MPD 803**

Course Title: - **Comparative Legislature**

Instruction: i. Answer **Question One and any other Three.**

- 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) Briefly explain the following typologies of legislatures.

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| (i) | Transformative Parliament | (2.5 marks) |
| (ii) | Arena Parliaments | (2.5 marks) |
| (iii) | Policy-making parliaments | (2.5 marks) |
| (iv) | Policy-influencing parliaments | (2.5 marks) |

(b) Outline the defining characteristics of the followings:

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| (i) | Presidential form of government | (2.5 marks) |
| (ii) | Parliamentary form of government | (2.5 marks) |

(c) Briefly explain the problems associated with classifying legislatures.

(10 marks)

Question Two

Using Ghana as an example, how do political party dynamics play out in the parliament?
Your answer must take into account political party majority, cohesion and discipline.

(15 Marks)