

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

**SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

Programme: **PGD**

Session: **2018/2019**

Semester: **1<sup>st</sup> Semester**

Course Code: **MEP 709**

Course Title: - **Political Parties and Public Policy**

**Instructions:** i. Answer question **One** and **any other 3** questions.

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

**Question One**

- a. With the aid of local examples, extensively explore the theoretical and empirical relationship between ideology, manifesto and public policy. **(11 marks)**
- b. Identify and briefly discuss the four (4) models of public policy you have learnt in the class. **(11 marks)**

**Question Two**

- a. Discuss the term political party manifesto. **(5 marks)**
- b. Identify and discuss any six (6) challenges confronting African political parties during internal party debates. **(11 marks)**

**Question Three**

- a. Describe the term ideology in relations to political party. **(3 marks)**
- b. List and discuss five (5) types of ideology you know. **(5 marks)**
- c. How true is the assertion that political parties in Nigeria do not have ideology? Justify your argument with concrete examples. **(8 marks)**

#### **Question Four**

- a. Identify and discuss the four (4) broad categories of government approaches to solving social problems. **(8 marks)**
- b. Systematically explain the public policy making process you have learnt in class. **(8 marks)**

#### **Question Five**

- a. Define the term political party and explain at least five (5) of its characteristics. **(8 marks)**
- b. List and explain six (6) functions political parties perform in a democracy. **(8 marks)**

#### **Question Six**

Briefly discuss the following:

- i. Social problem
- ii. Legislative Caucuses
- iii. Public policy
- iv. Political party campaign

**(16 marks)**