

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE AND DEMOCRATIC
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SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Programmes: **MLS, MPD, MEP**

Session: **2018/2019**

Semester: **1st Semester**

Course Code: **MEP 801**

Course Title: - **History of Elections and Party Politics in Nigeria**

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

Discuss the relative weight of class/elite interest, 'ethnicity' and 'religion' in explaining elections and party politics in Nigeria since independence.

Question Two

Discuss the view that the evolution of elections and party politics in Nigeria was tied to rise of nationalism.

Question Three

Discuss the impact of regionalism on elections and party politics in Nigeria's First Republic.

Question Four

Identify and discuss any three elements of 'political engineering' aimed at overcoming the defects of the politics of the first Republic in the design of the politics of the Second Republic.

Question Five

Identify a particular EMB in Nigeria's post-independence period and assess its performance in the conduct of elections.

Question Six

Identify and discuss any four major challenges that Nigeria need to address to improve the integrity of democratic elections post-2019 general elections.