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SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Programmes: **MLS, MPD, MEP**

Session: **2018/2019**

Semester: **1st Semester**

Course Code: **MEP 803**

Course Title: - **Political Parties in Comparative Perspective**

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

- a. Compare the historical evolution and development of political parties in Europe, United States of America and Nigeria. (10 1/2 marks)
b. Discuss the impact of colonialism on modern political parties in Nigeria. (7 1/2 marks)

Question Two

- a. What are the major feature and characteristics of political parties in Africa? (9 1/2 marks)
b. Identify and discuss any eight (8) functions political parties perform in a democracy (8marks)

Question Three

- a. Describe the term ideology and its major characteristics. (5 1/2 marks)
b. List and briefly explain any five (5) types of ideology you know. (5marks)
c. How true is the assertion that political parties in Nigeria do not have ideology? (7marks)

Question Four

- a. With the aid of empirical examples, distinguish between One-Party and Dominant Political Party systems. (9 marks)
- b. With concrete examples, Compare and Contrast Two-Party System and Multiparty Party system. (8¹/₂ marks)

Question Five

- a. List and explain any five (5) types of political parties you know.
- b. Discuss the roles of political parties in the following political systems:
 - i. Presidential democracy
 - ii. parliamentary democracy
 - iii. non-democracies
 - iv. new democracies

Question Six

- a. Discuss six (5) common challenges confronting political parties in the world. (7¹/₂ marks)
- b. As an expert in party politics and election management, recommend five (5) specific measures for mainstreaming women into leadership roles of political parties in Nigeria. (10 marks)