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Course Code: **MLD 805**

Course Title: - Legislative Structure and Arrangement

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. To what extent does the history of legislative drafting influenced the structure and arrangement of Legislation?
b. Enumerate and briefly explain the objectives of structure and arrangement of legislation.

Question Two

Enumerate and briefly describe the major components of preliminary, substantive and final provisions.

Question Three

Write brief explanatory note on the following:

- a) Preamble
- b) Commencement
- c) Enacting Formula
- d) Long title
- e) Schedule

Question Four

The Federal Government of Nigeria has introduced a new social welfare policy to mitigate the impact of dwindling oil price that plunged the country into recession. The new policy will be implemented based on the following conditions:

- a) Any person who qualifies as indigent shall be entitle to allowance of N5,000.00 per month.

- b) To qualify as an indigent, a person must be unemployed, aged above 60 years, physically challenged, widow or any other person that is by law declared indigent.
 - c) A special committee shall be established by Federal Ministry of Social Welfare Youth and Sport Development to register those who qualified as indigent.
 - d) Registration is permissible by person, proxy or even on-line on condition that relevant documents to establish qualification as beneficiary shall attached.
 - e) Beneficiaries may be disqualified on grounds of double registration, change of domicile or evidence of improved socio- economic condition of living.
 - f) The Federal Government shall commence payment of such allowance as soon as registration of qualified beneficiaries is completed.
 - g) Any officer who paid allowance to unqualified beneficiary commits an offence and on conviction, liable to fine of N 20, 000.00 or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 1 month or both where the number of unqualified beneficiaries exceed.
- Draft the section, sub-sections and marginal notes as appropriate.

Question Five

- a) What factors do you take into consideration in drafting a paragraph?
- b) What purposes if (any) does a paragraph serve in a legislative draft?
- c) Re-draft the following paragraphs:
 - I. A person shall not directly or indirectly discharge or throw into river, a stream, a sea, or a water way, any substance that may endanger the life, health or safety of the public or the environment.
 - II. A person who contravenes subsection (i) above commits an offence and is liable on conviction to fine of N5 Million or a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years.
 - III. "Nigerian Force" means Army, Air Force, Navy and Police.
 - IV. If the National Assembly considers that the question or removal of Corrupt Officers ought to be investigated, then the National Assembly shall mandate the appropriate Committee in accordance with Standing Rules and the Committee shall enquire into the matter and report on the facts to the National Assembly.

Question Six

Write short explanatory note on the following:

- a) Numbering of sections, sub-sections, paragraphs, sub-paragraphs and sub-sub-paragraph
- b) Sandwich clauses.
- c) Umbrella words.
- d) Running on.
- e) Marginal notes.