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COURSE CODE: GEC 802

COURSE TITLE: CHALLENGES OF AFRICAN LEGISLATURES

DATE: 23TH APRIL 2015

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer any four questions**
 - 2. All questions carry equal marks**
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1. Is there any basis to conclude from the experience of emerging democracies in Africa that the legislature constitutes a major pillar of democratic governance? Provide concrete illustrations.
2. Identify the major challenges faced by the legislatures in the emerging democracies in Africa and suggest how these challenges can be addressed.
3. Discuss the determinants of legislative behavior in Africa and how they have impacted on the institutional development of the legislature.
4. Using any three countries of your choice, discuss the powers of the legislatures in the appropriation process.
5. With relevant comparative examples, discuss the impact of the party and electoral systems on the nature and performance of the legislature.
6. Using the example of Nigeria since 1999, discuss the possibilities and limitations that exist for civil society to engage with, and enhance the effectiveness of the legislature in the performance of its core constitutional responsibilities.