

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE STUDIES (NILS)/
UNIVERSITY OF BENIN (UNIBEN) POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES
MASTERS IN LEGISLATIVE STUDIES (MLS)**

1st Semester 2016/2017 Examinations.

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

COURSE TITLE: POLITICAL PARTIES AND PARLIAMENTARY POLITICS

COURSE CODE: GEC 803

Answer Any Four Questions

(Please Note that all questions carry the same mark: 17.5%)

1. Identify challenges posed to emergent democracies in Africa? How can these challenges be addressed?
2. Discuss the 'linkage' functions of political parties bringing into bold relief how these functions advance democracies.
3. Using any country of your choice, discuss the implications of established two-party system for parliamentary politics.
4. Discuss the role of the opposition in parliaments and show the different dynamics in presidential and parliamentary systems of government.
5. Discuss practical ways through which political parties can enhance the participation of women in the political process including representation in parliaments.
6. How do party caucuses enhance the effectiveness of parliaments in democracies? Provide useful illustrations.