

UNIVERSITY OF BENIN/NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE STUDIES

MASTERS IN LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING, MASTERS IN LEGISLATIVE STUDIES
AND MASTERS IN PARLIAMENTARY ADMINISTRATION

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION 2016/2017 ACADEMIC SESSION

NIGERIA; ECONOMY, STATE AND SOCIETY (GLC 800)

TIME ALLOWED; 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer **Question 1** and any other **Three (3) Questions**

1. What is Nation building? Discuss in details the challenges to building Nigeria as a nation? How can these challenges be overcome? (19 marks)
2. The Nigerian economy has since the independence witnessed series of transformation. A major one was the discovery of crude-oil in large volumes in the '70s', resulting in the abandonment of Agriculture which hitherto was the main stay of the economy and overdependence of the economy on crude oil export. As a student of contemporary politics, what is your advice to the government on how to fix the state of the economy? (17 marks)
3. Discuss the following concepts, giving appropriate illustrations from Nigeria's perspective.
 - i. Political participation (3 marks)
 - ii. Mass Politics (3 marks)
 - iii. Fiscal Federalism (3 marks)
 - iv. Expenditure Assignments (4 marks)
 - v. Grants (4 marks)
4. Explain the concept of Intergovernmental Relations and discuss the issues and challenges currently facing government relations in Nigeria. (17 marks)
5. "Foreign policy is all about formulating, designing and directing state's policy towards achieving its goals and objective realities that it cannot attain within its domestic domain." In view of the above, highlight the principles guiding foreign policy since independence in Nigeria. Explain five of the basic factors that have influenced Nigeria's foreign policy. (17 marks)
6. Who is a Diplomat? What are the functions of a Diplomat? Briefly explain these functions with instances from Nigeria's experience. (17 marks)