

**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: ELECTORAL PROCESS

COURSE CODE: GEC 801

Answer Any Four Questions

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

1. Discuss the nexus between elections and democracy and explain how credible elections enhance democratic politics.
2. Evaluate the usefulness of global and regional standards of free and fair elections for emerging democracies.
3. What is 'electoral cycle'? Discuss the relevance of electoral cycle approach to the new democracies of Africa.
4. Discuss any two types of electoral systems and outline the weaknesses and strengths in each of them.
5. Drawing from relevant African examples, suggest strategies for increasing women's participation in the electoral process as candidates and in decision-making processes in Nigeria.
6. Why does electoral security matter? Assess Nigeria's electoral security environment since 1999.