

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE AND DEMOCRATIC
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SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Programmes: **MLS, MPD, MEP**

Session: **2018/2019**

Semester: **1st Semester**

Course Codes: **GEC 803/MEP 812**

Course Title: - **Political Parties and Politics in Parliament**

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

On the basis of history and contemporary experience, why are parliaments considered the institutional mainstay of democracies?

Question Two

Outline the challenges political parties pose to democracies and highlight the peculiar nature of these challenges using any African country for illustration.

Question Three

Discuss the nexus between elections, political parties and representation in parliament. Provide useful illustrations.

Question Four

What is party system? Identify three types of party systems and discuss the implications of two for the working of parliaments in democracies. Provide country relevant examples.