

National Institute for Legislative Studies/University of Benin

Second Semester 2014/2015 Examinations

COURSE CODE: GEC 802

COURSE TITLE: CHALLENGES OF AFRICAN LEGISLATURES

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER 4 QUESTIONS ONLY

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

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1. Discuss the nature of African politics as a major constraint to the institutional development of the legislature.
 2. Identify the major challenges faced by the legislatures in the emerging democracies in Africa and suggest how these challenges can be addressed.
 3. Would you support the view that the legislature in Africa has become a key pillar of democratic governance? Give reasons.
 4. Discuss the powers of the legislatures in the appropriation process in any three African countries of your choice.
 5. Using the example of either East Africa or the SADACC region, discuss the extent to which regional legislative reform initiatives made impact on the institutional development of the legislatures in Africa?
 6. Is the Nigerian legislature growing as an institution? Illustrate with concrete evidence from the performance of the legislature since 1999.