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Course Code: **GEC 802**

Course Title: **Challenges for African Legislatures**

Instructions:

- i. Answer any **4** questions
- ii. Write your Registration Number **only**
- iii. Questions One (1), Two (2) are compulsory. Answer any other two questions.
- iv. Time allowed: **3hours**
- v. Each question carries 17.5marks

Question One (compulsory)

Define these parliamentary terms;

- I. Adjournment sine die
- II. Difference between a Bill and an Act
- III. Bills referred
- IV. Custody of the papers
- V. Executive Session
- VI. Filibuster
- VII. Fiscal year
- VIII. Hansard
- IX. Impeachment proceedings
- X. Order Paper
- XI. Rescission
- XII. Speaker Protempore
- XIII. Minority whip
- XIV. Concurrent resolution

(17.5marks)

Question Two (compulsory)

Several terms, concepts and issues were discussed. Write brief notes on any Six (6) of these: (a) Ten Nigerian political parties with acronyms spelt out; (b) Three (3) sources of oversight; (c) Implied and expressed powers of the legislature; (d) Third Republic of Nigeria; (e) Magna Carta; (f) The Committee of election; (g) Five directorates of the National assembly administration; (h) plutocracy **(17.5marks)**

Question Three

- a) Summarize in 5 listings what the Induction Manual for Legislators in the last chapter says are necessary for legislator's success.
- b) From online readings, analyze one of the items in details, making eight (8) specific points. **(17.5marks)**

Question Four

For the new legislators, what five differences exist between the parliamentary system and the presidential system? **(17.5marks)**

Question Five

Explain the three (3) main functions of the legislature and for each, what four (4) sorts of difficulties would the newcomer legislator face as he or she grapples in meeting them.

(17.5marks)

Question Six

Summarize two chapters from the book 'Continuity and Change' and give for each three (3) summaries of the challenges before the Nigerian legislators in terms of the issues raised in that very topic. **(17.5marks)**