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SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Programmes: **MLS & MPD & MLD**

Session: **2017/2018**

Semester: **2nd Semester**

Course Code: **GEC 807**

Course Title: - **The Democratic Process**

Instructions: i. Answer **Question One (1)** and any other **three (3)** Questions. Each question carries equal marks of **17.5 marks**

- ii Time allowed: **3 hours.** iii Write your Matriculation Number **Only.**
v. Orderly arrangement and good presentation of materials will be considered.

Question One

Compare and contrast democratic institutions and processes in Nigeria's First and Fourth Republic.
(17½ Marks)

Question Two

- (a) Identify and discuss with concrete examples any three types of democracy design you have learnt. **(10 Marks)**
(b) How true is the assertion that democracy is the most successful political idea in the world? Justify. **(7½ Marks)**

Question Three

(a) Democracy is a process rather than a one-off event. In the light of this statement, identify and discuss the features and characteristics of a democratic society.

(12½ Marks)

(b) Of the three (3) pillars of government, one of them exist only in a democracy. Why is it so?

(5 Marks)

Question Four

(a) Discuss any 6 drivers of democracy since the collapse of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic (USSR).

(10½ Marks)

(b) What do you make of Samuel Huntington's idea of the Third Wave of democratisation and its implications for democracy rule in African?

(7 Marks)

Question Five

(a) Identify and discuss at least seven (7) drivers of democratic recession that you know.

(10½ Marks)

(b) With concrete examples, discuss the concept of democracy assistance and how it has helped in deepening Nigeria's democracy since 1999?

(7 Marks)

Question Six

(a) What specific roles can civil society play in building democracy in Africa?

(9½ Marks)

(b) How democratic is Nigeria's Third Republic?

(8 Marks)