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SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Programme: **MLD**

Session: **2017/2018**

Semester: **2nd Semester**

Course Code: **GLC 804**

Course Title: - **Legal Research Methodology.**

Instructions: i. **Answer any 4 Questions. Each question carries equal marks.**

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

NOTE: You are required to relate your answers to the chosen research topic.

- a. **Research Topic 1:** *Plain Language drafting in the National Assembly: An examination of sanctioning provisions in Acts passed between 2011 and 2015. – Doctrinal Research.*
- b. **Research Topic 2:** *Limitations to effective Legislative Drafting: A case study of Delta State Legislative Drafting Department of the Ministry of Justice.*

Question One

- à. Explain **one** of the following research strategies: Survey, Case Study, Action Research and Observation. **(9 marks)**
- b. State which of the research strategies, in your opinion, would be best suited for your chosen research topic from topics **a** and **b** above. **(8.5 marks)**

Question Two

- a. Explain **one** of the following types of legal research: Doctrinal Research, Reform Oriented Research and Theoretical Research. **(9 marks)**
- b. Justify why, in your opinion, it would be best suited for your chosen research topic. **(8.5 marks)**

Question Three

Explain **four (4)** constraints you may face in the chosen research topic and suggest how you would reduce their effects on your research. **(17.5 marks)**

- Time
- Availability of research data
- Access to research institutions
- Language
- Finance

Question Four

Explain **Two (2)** primary and **Two (2)** secondary research tools that may be relevant for your chosen research topic. **(17.5 marks)**

Source of law

Question Five

List and explain **Four (4)** attributes of a good research topic. **(17.5 marks)**

- Relevant
- Novel
- Interesting
- It must address a specific issue in the research area & understandable
- It must be targeted towards making a new law or regulation as one

Question Six

Explain **primary** and **secondary legislations** and give **two (2)** examples each. **(17.5 marks)**

Rules
Regulations
& Statutes