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SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Programmes: **PGD**
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Course Code: **MEP 709**

Course Title: **Political Parties and Public Policy**

Instructions:

- i. Answer **Question One** and any other **Three (3)** questions.
- ii. Question one carries 25 marks while all other questions carry 15 marks each.
- iii. Time allowed: **3hours**
- iv. Write your **Name and Registration Number Only**
- v. Orderly arrangement and good presentation of materials will be considered.

Question One

- a. What do you understand by the concept of Political Party Caucus? **(5marks)**
- b. What are the functions and purposes of Political Party Caucuses? **(10marks)**
- c. What are the differences between a Political Party Caucus and a Legislative Committee? **(10marks)**

Question Two

- a. Why are elections necessary? **(5marks)**
- b. What are the major differences among the following concepts?
 - i. primary elections
 - ii. general elections
 - iii. by-elections **(10marks)**

Question Three

- a. What is inter-party dialogue in a presidential democracy? **(5marks)**
- b. What are the benefits of inter-party dialogue in the Nigerian multi-party democracy? **(10marks)**

Question Four

- a. What is Consensus Building in parliament? **(5marks)**
- b. What are the major benefits of Consensus Building? **(5marks)**
- c. Why is Consensus Building necessary in a presidential political system? **(5marks)**

Question Five

- a. What are the reasons for having three (3) Arms of Government in the presidential democracy as practiced in Nigeria? **(5marks)**
- b. Discuss the different functions of each Arm of Government in Nigeria. **(10 marks)**

Question Six

- a. Why is Legislative-Executive Interface necessary in our Democracy? **(5marks)**
- b. Give four (4) benefits of Legislative-Executive Interface and elaborate on each of them. **(10marks)**