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### SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Programmes: MEPP

Semester: 1<sup>st</sup>

Course Title: Party Politics in Comparative Perspectives

Session: 2020/2021

Course Code: MEP 803

#### Instructions:

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

#### Question One

- a. Discuss the origin of political parties in Europe and Africa with emphasis on their similarities and dissimilarities. **(10Marks)**
- b. Briefly, explain the relevance of political parties especially in a democratic setting. **(15Marks)**

#### Question Two

Discuss the formation and the character of the Nigerian political parties from the colonial period till the Second Republic. **(15Marks)**

#### Question Three

Britain is often referred to as a two-party system, but in contemporary times, this appears a misnomer. Discuss. **(15Marks)**

#### Question Four

- a. India offers a fascinating profile that can deepen our understanding of comparative politics. Vividly, examine the veracity of this statement **(8Marks)**.
- b. List the main political parties that exist in India with a brief explanation of each of them. **(7Marks)**

#### Question Five

United States of America (USA) is a late comer to party formation and democratic ethics compared to Britain, France and Japan. Discuss the innate qualities in American party politics that tend to make the USA more less a model to the contemporary world. **(15Marks)**.

#### Question Six

- a. Examine the various challenges that tend to becloud party politics globally. **(8Marks)**.
- b. Explain the relationship between parliamentary and presidentialism regarding party politics. **(7Marks)**.