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### SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Programmes: MPD, MLS, MEP  
Semester: **1<sup>st</sup>**

Session: 2020/2021  
Course Code: MPD 801

Course Title: **Parliaments in the Modern World: Contemporary Issues**

#### Instructions:

- i. Answer any Four (4) Questions, each question carries **17.5marks**
- ii. Time allowed: **3hours**    iii. Write your **Name and Registration Number Only**
- iv. Orderly arrangement and good presentation of materials will be considered.

#### Question One

Discuss the principles of separation of powers in Parliamentary and Presidential democracies with appropriate examples from contemporary Parliaments.

#### Question Two

What are the common features of the Bundesrat and South Africa's National Council of Provinces?

#### Question Three

Modern Parliaments are often symbolic of the socio-political and economic history and contexts of their evolution; thus no two Parliaments are exactly the same. What are the distinctive features of the USA, United Kingdom and South African Parliaments?

**Question Four**

Discuss the merits and demerits of Nigeria's Parliamentary dispensation (1960-1966) with the presidential system since 1999.

**Question Five**

To what extent is the political party system more representative in Bicameral Parliamentary democracies than Presidential Legislatures?

**Question Six**

Discuss the Nature and Roles of Modern Parliaments using the cases of Nigeria and Brazil.