



UNIVERSITY OF BENIN

## NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE AND DEMOCRATIC STUDIES/ UNIVERSITY OF BENIN POST GRADUATE PROGRAMMES

### SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Programmes: MPD  
Semester: 1<sup>st</sup>

Session: 2020/2021  
Course Code: MPD 803

Course Title: **Comparative Legislatures**

#### Instructions:

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

#### Question One

(a) Briefly outline the following.

- i. Transformative Parliaments (2.5 Marks)
- ii. Arena Parliaments (2.5 Marks)
- iii. Policy-making Parliaments (2.5 Marks)
- iv. Policy making power of a legislature (2.5 Marks)

(b) Briefly discuss the usefulness of Pakenham's delineation of legislative functions (5 Marks)

(c) Explain the significance of comparing legislatures? (10 Marks)

#### Question Two

Compare the constitutional powers of the French President and French Parliament. (15 Marks)

#### Question Three

Discuss the claim that the South African National Assembly is little more than a rubber stamp of the ruling African National Congress (ANC)? (15 Marks)

**Question Four**

- (a) What do you understand by the legitimization function of parliament? **(10 Marks)**  
(b) Discuss the distinguishing characteristics of the presidential and parliamentary forms of Government and indicate with reasons your preference for either. **(5 Marks)**

**Question Five**

Does the European parliament merit the description of a unicameral legislature" Give reasons for your answer. **(15 Marks)**

**Question Six**

Discuss the constitutional factors that could affect parliamentary effectiveness in the parliament of Ghana? **(15 Marks)**