



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

**SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

Programme: **MLS, MPD, MEP**  
Semester: **2<sup>nd</sup> Semester**

Session: **2019/2020**  
Course Code: **GEC 801**

Course Title: - **Seminar on the Electoral Process**

**Instructions:** i. Answer any **Four (4) Questions.**

- ii Time allowed: Three **(3) hours**    iii Write your Matriculation Number **Only.**  
iv. Orderly arrangement and good presentation of materials will be considered.  
v. Cross out any unused sheet(s) in your answer booklet before you submit it.

**Question One**

Compare and contrast the Single Member Constituency system with the proportional representation system. Which of these can best serve the contemporary realities of Nigeria? **(17.5marks)**

**Question Two**

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each of the following electoral system:

- a. First-Past-The-Post system
- b. Mixed systems
- c. Closed List system

**(17.5marks)**

**Question Three**

Define the Electoral Cycle. Describe the characteristics and features of the Nigerian Electoral Cycle with reference to the 2019 general elections.

**Question Four**

Identify and comprehensively discuss two of the major challenges, which bedevil the Nigerian electoral process, recommending how they can successfully be overcome. **(17.5marks)**

**Question Five**

Review and analyze the nature and extent of electoral reforms introduced in Nigeria between 2010 and 2019. What additional reforms need to be made to improve the integrity of future elections in Nigeria? **(17.5marks)**

**Question Six**

**EITHER:**

What challenges have women and other marginalized groups faced in the evolution of the Nigerian electoral system? Suggest how to mitigate these. **(17.5marks)**

**OR**

Review the nature and extent of violence in the Nigerian electoral process and suggest how best to guarantee free, fair and peaceful elections **(17.5marks)**