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SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Programme: **PGD**
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Session: **2019/2020**
Course Code: **MEP 702**

Course Title: - **Electoral Legal and Regulatory Frameworks**

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

"The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria is the basic norm of the land. By Section 1(3) of the 1999 Constitution (as amended), the Provisions of the Constitution are superior to all provisions made in any other Act or Law. The validity of all laws is tested against this basic norm. In order of hierarchy and precedence, we have the provisions of the Constitution, the law made by the national Assembly and then, the law made by the House of Assembly of a State. The Constitution is the law from which all other laws in the land derive." (Per Onyemenam, JCA in *Ekiti State Independent Electoral Commission & Ors v. PDP & Anor* (2013) LPELR-20411(CA), p.43, para. A).

To what extent is the above statement applicable to electoral legal framework in Nigeria?
(17 ½ Marks)

Question Two

Examine the relevance of the Electoral Act 2010 (as amended) to the conduct of credible elections in Nigeria. **(17 ½ Marks)**

Question Three

From your perspective, how has the judiciary fared well in the interpretation of electoral laws in Nigeria? **(17 ½ Marks)**

Question Four

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has made provisions in its Regulations and Guidelines to serve as safeguards for free and fair elections at various levels. Discuss. **(17 ½ Marks)**

Question Five

Discuss the statutory functions of INEC, and the extent to which the Commission has performed in line with its mandate. **(17 ½ Marks)**

Question Six

You have been invited by the Political Science Students Association of Nigeria to deliver a paper titled "Challenges of Elections in Nigeria: Proposals for Improvement". What will be the highlights of your paper? **(17 ½ Marks)**