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SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Programme: **MEP**
Semester: **2nd Semester**

Session: **2019/2020**
Course Code: **MEP 704**

Course Title: - **Political Parties Campaigns and Political Finance**

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 (Compulsory)

- a. All political parties registered by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) are expected to participate in Congresses, Primaries and General Elections. Briefly discuss each of these three processes and their significance.
- b. Identify and explain their financial implications for the political parties.
- c. State clearly the roles the political party and the candidates play in financing these activities.

(22marks)

Question Two

- a. What do you understand with the concept of political campaign?
- b. Using the Presidential elections in Nigeria as an example, identify the various stages of political campaign.
- c. In what way or ways can a political party be more effective in political campaign?

(16 marks)

Question Three

- a. Identify the various sources of political party finances in Nigeria.
- b. Examine in what way or ways can a political party secure independence from the control of political 'god fathers'.
- c. Suggest ways how Nigeria can overcome the problem of 'money bags' in politics

(16 marks)

Question Four

- a. The Electoral Act in Nigeria (as altered) has clearly spelt out rules and regulations concerning campaign finance. What are these rules and regulations?
- b. How binding and effective are these laws on political parties campaign finance in Nigeria?
- c. Suggest ways how political parties and contestants can be held accountable in campaign financing.

(16 marks)

Question Five

- a. To plan, organise and conduct a very effective political campaign does not necessarily mean a political party will win general elections. Discuss.
- b. What are the obstacles of winning elections after a successful campaign?
- c. What role does money play in winning elections?

(16 marks)

Question Six

- a. It is often said that the electioneering campaigns in Nigeria system are very expensive. Evaluate how political campaigns are conducted in Nigeria.
- b. Briefly present and analyse the cost of political campaigns in some African countries you have studied.
- c. What lessons can Nigeria learn from these countries?

(16 marks)