

**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER, 2016\_2 EXAMINATION QUESTIONS**

**COURSE CODE: POL424**

**COURSE TITLE: POLITICAL PARTIES AND PRESSURE GROUPS**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3 HRS**

**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION 1 AND ANY OTHER TWO**

**Q.1. Compare and contrast the functions and strategies of Political Parties and Pressure Groups (30marks).**

**Q.2. One of the demerits of party system in Nigeria is that it divides the society along fault lines. Discuss this observation with examples (20marks).**

**Q.3. Explain the levels of hierarchy at which Political Parties perform their roles in Nigeria (20marks).**

**Q.4. Explain briefly the following concepts/terms:**

a). Budget padding

b). Socialism

c). Egalitarianism

d). Voided Ballot Paper

e). Tender Ballot Paper

f). Picketing

g). Lobbying

h). Warning Strike

i). Work-to-rule

j). Voter Card Reader (20marks).

**Q.5. Explain the development of political parties in Nigeria from 1922 to the current dispensation (20marks).**