



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA  
14/16 AHMADU BELLO WAY, VICTORIA ISLAND, LAGOS  
FACULTY OF LAW**

**2019 \_2 EXAMINATION**

**COURSE CODE: PPL 521**

**COURSE TITLE: (LEGAL DRAFTING AND CONVEYANCING 1)**

**TIME ALLOWED: 2 ½ hrs**

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER FOUR QUESTIONS IN ALL**

**QUESTION 1 IS COMPULSORY**

**Question 1 carries 25 marks and every other question carries 15 marks each, Total = 70**

1. Lawyers are letter writers, at least an average lawyer writes a minimum of two letters a week. The quality of a letter reveals the quality of the writer. Letters must be written in clear, straight to the point and simple language to meet the reader's needs and make it comprehensible to the readers. There are different types of letters but the concern of a draftsman is the formal letter. Write an explanatory note on:
  - a. Letter Writing.
  - b. Types of Letter Writing.
  - c. Importance of Letter Writing, and
  - d. Format of Letter Writing.

1e. To avoid binding your client to an agreement while negotiation is ongoing certain words or phrases have been designed to enable you as his lawyer negotiate freely. This is to encourage peaceful and out of Court settlement of disputes. Discuss.

2. You have been approached as an expert on Legal Drafting and Conveyancing by some undergraduate students of the National Open University of Nigeria to give a lecture on the topic 'Legal Opinion'. Discuss the topic.

3a. As a Draftsman with many years of experience, you have been invited by the University of Lagos to give a seminar to their final year students of the Faculty of Law on: Legislative Drafting, Drafting Process and Legislative Process. Critically discuss.

3b. Discuss the meaning and the tools for interpretation of Statutes.

4. Examine the Customary Modes of transfer of Property of any three of the following;
  - a. Pawn under Customary Law
  - b. Pledge under Customary Law
  - c. Tenancy under Customary Law
  - d. Partitioning
  - e. Allocation

5a Customary tenancy arises where a land owner individual or group (called the overlord) grants to another person or group called the tenant a right of occupation of land to farm on or live. In return the grantee (tenant) acknowledges the grantor's (overlord) title by payment of customary tribute or rent either in cash or in kind. However, a customary

**tenancy may exist without payment of tribute. The tenant pays rent which is dependent on the agreement between the parties, and is meant to serve as an acknowledgement of the grantor's title. Explain in details the nature of a Customary Tenancy and how it can be determined.**

**5b. What points should be considered when drafting a Will?**

**6. According to Adubi drafting does not depend on aptitude and experience alone, but has its rules which can be explained and learned by any person of reasonable intelligence. To him, certain rules should be observed by a good draftsman, explain the rules and techniques of drafting.**