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COURSE CODE: PUL 411
COURSE TITLE: OIL AND GAS LAW 1
CREDIT UNITS: 4
TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS
INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION 1 (ONE) AND ANY OTHER 3 (THREE) QUESTIONS. QUESTION 1 (ONE) ATTRACTS 25 MARKS WHILE OTHERS ARE 15 MARKS EACH.

1. The exploration of petroleum in Nigeria is heavily regulated by law. The laws are made for the proper administration of the operation of oil and mining process and for the general practice in the oil industry. Discuss the aims or objectives of at least seven (7) major regulatory regime of the petroleum industry in Nigeria and the role of the United Nations on permanent ownership of natural resources. **25 Marks**

- 2.(a) Petroleum in an unrefined state has been utilized by man for over 5000 years and oil generally has been used since early human history to keep fires ablaze and for warfare. Discuss the origin and development of oil and gas in the world. **7^{1/2} marks**
- 2.(b) History is the study of past events. Describe the evolution of oil exploration and natural gas in Nigeria. **7^{1/2} marks** **-- Total = 15 marks**

- 3.(a) The importance of petroleum products cannot be overemphasized. It has changed from time to time all over the world right from its early discovery. What is the importance of petroleum as a source of energy to the socio-economy development of Nigeria? **8 Marks**
- 3.(b) Petroleum has become a household name today. What do you understand by this term? Explain the nature and characteristics of petroleum. **7 marks ----Total = 15 marks**

- 4.(a) Ownership to property is very fundamental in the management, control and exclusive use of the property. Consequently, ownership of oil and gas is paramount because it defines the exact interest and rights of any person who owns it. Explain the various theories of ownership in the oil and gas industry. **8 Marks**
- 4.(b) In oil and gas exploration, there are certain interests that can be created based on the agreement of the parties. Explain the term concession, types of concession and characteristics in relation to this interest. **7 marks ---Total = 15 marks**

5. Petroleum sharing contract is a legal arrangement in which crude oil is shared by parties in pre-arranged proportion and it was said to have originated from Indonesia. How true is this statement as regards types of production contracts and how can one participate in oil exploration? **15 marks**

6. Laying of oil pipelines is regulated by different regime. Describe the procedure for the installation of oil pipelines and the effect of pipeline survey in Nigeria. **15 marks**