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2019_2 EXAMINATION QUESTION
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER, 2019

COURSE CODE: PUL 412

COURSE TITLE: OIL AND GAS LAW 11

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.(a) The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is a world body that regulates the quarter production of member states. Nigeria and the countries that constitute OPEC share common experience from dominant activities of the International Oil Companies (IOCs) in the petroleum industry. Give a brief account of the formation of OPEC, its objectives and contribution to the global market in the oil industry. - **12 ½ Marks**
- (b) List the functions of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) under Section 5(1) of the NNPC Act, 1977 now in Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004. - **12 ½ Marks**
--- Total 25 Marks
2. Pollution is the major problem of man today because pollution threatens the existence and welfare of everyone even animals and marine fauna. Discuss types of pollution and incidents of oil pollution from oil spillage and gas flaring. **15 Marks**
3. Examine the legal framework governing the control of oil pollution in Nigeria, the objectives and functions of National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA) Act. **15 Marks**
4. In the course of oil drilling and production, associated gas is encountered, leaving the oil companies and state to decide what to do. What are the options and effects of gas flaring on the environment especially with regards to the Niger Delta community? **15 Marks**
5. State participation in the petroleum industry is not a new phenomenon peculiar to Nigeria; Third world host countries have also adopted policies in this regard. Discuss at least five reasons why States participate in the exploration of petroleum in their countries. **15 Marks**
6. Discuss five reasons why OPEC encourages the establishment of National Oil Companies in member States. **15 Marks**