



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
FACULTY OF LAW
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LAW
2019_2 EXAMINATION QUESTIONS
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER, 2019

COURSE CODE: PUL844 (for Faculty of Management Science Students)
COURSE TITLE: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
CREDIT UNITS: 3
TIME ALLOWED: 2 ½ 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. Since the independence era, the Nigerian Civil Service has undergone series of reforms aimed at tackling the problems of the institution and reposition it to meet the developmental challenges of the 21st century. Discuss the key points of these reforms.
(25 marks)
2. It has been repeatedly said that the basic purpose of administrative law is to control excessive and arbitrary governmental power. Discuss. (15 marks)
3. Write short notes on the following:
(a) Mandamus
(b) Certiorari
(c) Declaratory judgement (15 marks)
4. Succinctly differentiate between fundamental human rights and other types of rights.
(15 marks)
5. Over the years, the courts have built up detailed rules of what is required procedurally of decision makers in different circumstances to ensure that a given decision complies with the requirements of fairness. What are these rules? (15 marks)
6. Administrative law lays down the legal framework by which participation of the public in governance is recognized and practically implemented. Do you agree with this statement? Support your answer with relevant authority. (15 marks)