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JABI, ABUJA
FACULTY OF LAW
2021_1 EXAMINATION**

COURSE CODE: PPL521

COURSE TITLE: LEGAL DRAFTING AND CONVEYANCING 1

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION 1 (ONE) AND ANY 3 (THREE) OTHER QUESTIONS. (QUESTION 1 (ONE) ATTRACTS 25 MARKS

Question 1

The Benue State Government wishes to establish Food Science Institute to promote agricultural productivity in the state. The Bill to create this institute is to be brought before the Benue State House of Assembly in 2023. You have been instructed to draft the Bill for presentation to the House of Assembly, reflecting only the following parts:

- a. Draft the following parts of the bill.
 - i. Enactment clause
 - ii. The short title
 - iii. The establishment clause
 - iv. The interpretation clause, giving the words “fumigation” a close definition and the words “Tractor” an open definition
- b. Comment briefly on the matter and areas you would need to focus on during the analysis stage of the drafting and state your reasons.
- c. List any five (5) qualities you need to possess in order to render these services effectively.
- d. Mention five unfamiliar words that should be avoided when drafting legal document.

Question 2

In the recently concluded bye- election of Lagos State, Hon. Collins Mark of Social Movement Liberation (SML) has been declared the winner of Eti-Osa Constituency having scored the highest votes of 250,456. In a bid to give back to the society, he is considering sponsoring a bill when he gets to the 9th Assembly. Hon. Collins has requested you to draft the bill. As a legal draftsman, examine the stages and habit to avoid while drafting legal document

Question 3

Social Right Organization is calling for suitable person's to fill the position of a legal officer in its Justice department. The office is located at 1, Human Right House, Consulate Annex, Abuja. The required qualification is 10 years post call experience as a lawyer, with passion for research.

- i. Write a letter of application stating how your skill, knowledge and qualities will make you suitable for appointment to this position.
- ii. Mention the importance of (i) above.
- iii. Write short notes on the following as expression and words relating to time.
 - a. At the expiration of
 - b. Within a reasonable time

Question 4

- a. With reference to relevant statutory and judicial authorities, carefully discuss the requirement of essential validity as they apply to a Will.
- b. Can a property of a person who immediately before his death was subject to Islamic Law be disposed under the Wills Law?

Question 5

The Canon of Interpretations were developed by the common law court to assist judges to discover the true intention of the law makers and also in its dispensation of justice. Discuss

Question 6

With reference to statutory and judicial authorities if any, discuss the following

- i. Legislative power in Nigeria
- ii. Pawn under customary law
- iii. Presumption of sound disposing mind