



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
FACULTY OF LAW
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LAW
2021_2 EXAMINATION QUESTIONS.

COURSE CODE: PUL243
COURSE TITLE: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I
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. Citing relevant case law and/or statute, determine the constitutionality of the following actions:
 - (a) The extension of the tenure of office of a public officer who has spent 35 years in service.
 - (b) The sacking of an unmarried female worker by her employer for becoming pregnant.
 - (c) The activities of herders who invade farmlands at will with their cattle eating and destroying farm produce.
 - (d) The killing and torture of kidnap victims. **25 marks**
2. Compare and contrast five (5) features of the system of government practiced in Nigeria between 1963 and 1966 with the system of government currently being practiced. **15 marks**
3. The Republican Constitution of Nigeria has been cited by many as an example of true federalism. Succinctly enumerate the major reasons for this assertion. **15 marks**
4. Mr. Inyang has approached you for legal advice on certain matters he considers germane. He is seeking clarification from you as to what he can do to make Nigeria a better place to live in. He believes the government of Nigeria owes him certain obligations but wants to know his duties as a good citizen of Nigeria. Advise him. **15 marks**
5. Bodin has said that the ruler is not totally absolute, but subject to the Constitution because it is the Constitution that makes him a ruler. The constitution must, according to him, accord with the "*Laws of God and Nature to which all kings and princes are subject*". Expatriate. **15 marks**
6. Country Zion located in West Africa became a federation in 2001 because the small tribes wanted protection from the dominant tribe. With your knowledge of Constitutional law, discuss five (5) reasons why some countries like Nigeria adopted the federal system of government. **15 marks**