

NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA 91, CADASTRAL ZONE, UNIVERSITY VILLAGE, JABI, ABUJA

FACULTY OF LAW

2023 1 POP EXAMINATION.

COURSE CODE: PUL322

COURSE TITL: ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER 4 QUESTIONS IN ALL. QUESTION ONE CARRIES 25 MARKS WHILE

OTHERS ARE 15 MARKS EACH

TIME: 3HRS

1a. Are environmental rights human rights?

1b. Three members of the OKATA Residential area in Abuja are contemplating an action on behalf of themselves and other residents against the New Plan Company, a construction company that recently started business on their over fifteen plots of land in the area. Their operation within the area is causing so much noise and a lot of safety issues that residents are no longer safe to move around due to their heavy-duty trunks that causes a lot of obstruction on the way. The trucks have condemned many parts of the roads and damaged many electric poles affecting light within the area.

Advise the residents of the area as to;

- 2. Highlight three Conventions/Treaties acceded to by the Federal Government of Nigeria stating their provision in relation to the environment.
- 3. Discuss the salient features of the Oil in Navigable Water Act that will very well cater for oil spills in Nigeria.
- 4. 'Waste is anything that is no longer useful and is to be thrown away or disposed of'. Comment on the validity of the above statement.
- 5. Underline the contributions and the challenges of environmental laws to the provisions of a clean environment as a human right in Nigeria.
- 6. The issue of environmental rights and human rights are very vital and very germane to healthy and sustaining human rights and the environment. Briefly discuss the term environmental rights.