



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
FACULTY OF LAW
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LAW
2020_1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: PUL321

COURSE TITLE: ENVIRONMENTAL 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. Environmental law is a concept that is devoid of a universally acceptable definition. This has led to different views on the concept of environmental law. What is glaring, from the plethora of views on the concept however, is that it is a summation of human surroundings. Critically analyse different definitions of environmental law, drawing out its critique and strong points. Is there a connection between the law and the environment? **25 marks**
2. Critically discuss the role of international law in the development of environmental law in Nigeria. **15 marks**
3. You have just resumed as a legal officer in the Ministry of Environment. You have been asked to do a position paper on the importance of town planning laws in environmental sustainability as well as strategies the government may adopt to harmonise the culture of environmental policy awareness. **15 marks**
4. The political and social constraints of enforcements of environmental issues are overwhelming. Discuss. **15 marks**
5. Dennis owns and occupies an estate about 2kms from Flying Training school Ltd, a training school base for jump jets. Dennis is complaining that he has suffered severe noise disturbance every time the jets are in training, which is about 3 times a day. Dennis also claims that the noise constitutes a serious interference with his enjoyment to his land. He has decided to institute legal proceedings against Flying Training School Ltd. Advise Dennis as to his chances against Flying Training School Ltd. **15 marks**
6. Case Law is a form of Environmental Law in Nigeria. Discuss. **15 marks**