



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

COURSE CODE: PUL322

COURSE TITLE: ENVIRONMENTAL LAW II

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 has many ideas, principles about human, animals, wildlife and various species of plants. It deals with how living organisms can sustain, protect and develop their environment where they find themselves. Discuss three theories known to you that have aided environmental protection. **25 marks**
2. *“Man is the beneficiary of human rights which are both natural and artificial.”* NOUN Environmental law course at page 32. Critically discuss this assertion. **15 marks**
3. The Achimugu street residence association has threatened court action against Dickson, one of the residents of the street on the ETAC telecommunications mast erected on his land. The Achimugu residence claim that there is a violation of their right to life by the erection of a mast, which according to scientific studies, is dangerous to human health and a cause of chronic non-communicable diseases. Dickson does not see the correlation between what is in his own compound, without undue interference or encroachment into another person’s land and any violation of rights. Dickson is your best friend. Advise him on the issues raised. **15 marks**
4. Write short notes on the following:
 - (a) Acid mine drainage
 - (b) Marine debris **15 marks**
5. Nigeria is a signatory to numerous international and regional instruments for the protection of water resources. In fulfilling this obligation, the country has put in place a number of national legislation to prevent water pollution. Of particular importance are the Water Resources Act No. 101 (as amended in 1995 and 2009), The River Basin Act and the NESREA Acts. Critically analyze the provisions of these Acts that impact on the protection of water resources in Nigeria. **15 marks**
6. What is public health? Is there a connection between public health and environmental law? If yes, what are the secondary and tertiary problems associated with developmental concerns leading to environmental degradation? **15 marks**