

**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, UNIVERSITY VILLAGE, PLOT 91,  
CADASTRAL ZONE, NNAMDI AZIKIWE EXPRESS WAY, JABI, ABUJA.**

**COURSE TITLE:           LEGAL METHODS I 1234**  
**COURSE CODE:         JIL 111**  
**SEMESTER:             2021\_1**  
**TIME ALLOWED:       3 HOURS**  
**INSTRUCTIONS:        ANSWER QUESTIONS ONE (1) AND ANY OTHER THREE (3) QUESTIONS  
QUESTIONS ONE (1) IS COMPULSORY AND CARRIES TWENTY FIVE (25)  
MARKS, WHILE OTHER QUESTIONS CARRY FIFTEEN (15) MARKS EACH**

**QUESTION 1:**

Okon Etim, President of Elim demands unqualified allegiance from the citizens and even those outside his community for president Okon, this was an essential mark of an independent state or political society. His rival, Azim Nti President of Nkpom seeks recognition and obedience from him. President Okon Etim, obedience to another outside authority would mean that the society was not an independent state but merely a subordinate part of some other state. As such, president Okon has resisted all attempts made by President Azim Nti to curtail his powers and authority within his country. Since an absence of power within the state meant confusion and anarchy the very antithesis of legality.

- i. Concerned about what would happen if president Azim Nti succeeds and the implications where his authority stands, president Okon has come to you for advice. Discuss the issues for determination (15 marks)
  - ii. Explain how the actual possessor of power can be located (10 marks)  
25 marks
- (2) At a law debate held in Koinos University, two Law students, Agnes and Duke were asked to discuss the doctrine of natural law. In Duke's opinion, the doctrine of natural law is an important aspect of the ethics of St. Thomas Aquinas. Duke went on to define law and the meaning of the definition according to Aquinas. On her part, Agnes, opined that natural law is a law by which God governs rational beings and went on to explain by citing examples and meaning.
- i. Give the definition and meaning of law by St. Thomas Aquinas (5 marks)
  - ii. Also, attempt the explanation of natural law by Agnes. (5 marks)

- iii. Do you agree that St. Thomas Aquinas concept of natural law is synonymous with moral law? Give reasons for your answer. (5 marks) Total 15 marks
- (3) "Legislative drafting is the process whereby a person is charged with the responsibility of putting policies in a bill for the consideration of the parliament". Discuss (15 marks)
- (4) Discuss the hierarchy of the supreme court of Nigeria. (15 marks)
- (5) In Nigeria, two election tribunals were established, one for the federation and another for the states. Describe the jurisdiction, scope and the panel of the two tribunals. Discuss (15 marks)
- (6) A constitution may either be written or unwritten, rigid or flexible and unitary or federal. A constitution is a written one when the particular country practicing it has decided to put down in a written and permanent form, all rules and regulations governing its constitution. Discuss (15 marks).