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FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
2021 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: PAD 403

COURSE TITLE: DEMOCRATIC STUDIES

CREDIT UNIT: 3

INSTRUCTION:

1. Indicate your Matriculation Number clearly
2. Attempt question one (1) and any other three (3) questions; four questions in all
3. Question one (1) is compulsory and carries 25 marks, while the other questions carry 15 marks each.
4. Present all your points in a coherent and orderly Manner

TIME ALLOWED: 2:30 Hours

1. a) There are two broad categories of scholars on the concept of democracy. Discuss the concept of democracy based on the views of principle democrats. **6 marks**

b) Discuss the conditions that can make an electoral system or election a worthy exercise based on the views of Dahl and Huntington. **7 marks**

c) Of what significance is electoral reform in Nigeria? **7 marks**

d) Who are the political elites? **5 marks**
2. a) Trace the history and evolution of electoral systems and administration in Nigeria. **7.5 marks**

b) Identify and discuss five (5) advantages of single or one party system. **7.5 marks**
3. a) Identify and discuss five (5) roles of political parties in the Nigerian democratic system. **10 marks**

b) Discuss the majority rule electoral system citing relevant examples. **5 marks**
4. a) One of the most radical, though contentious, reforms suggested by the Uwais Panel is the unbundling of INEC. Expatriate **9 marks**

b) What were the suggestions of the Uwais Panel on the notion of independent candidacy? **6 marks**
5. a) Discuss the concept of political culture. **5 marks**

b) Explain vividly the concept of human rights. **5 marks**

c) State the key provisions of Section 34-38 of the 1999 Constitution of Nigeria. **5 marks**