



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
FACULTY OF LAW
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LAW
2021_1 EXAMINATION QUESTIONS
JUNE, 2021 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: PUL243

COURSE TITLE: CONSTITUTIONAL 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. (a) Isah your bosom friend has approached you for some clarifications on certain issues bothering him. One of them is why certain class of people feel that they are above the law in Nigeria. As a student of Constitutional Law, enlighten him on the concept of the rule of law and briefly trace its origin. **15 marks**
(b) "...If we are to live by the rule of law, if we are to have our actions guided and restrained in certain ways for the benefits of society in general and individual members in particular then, whatever status or post we hold, we must succumb to the rule of law." Per Taylor C.J. in *Mohammed Olayori and others Lagos High Court Suit No. M/196/69*. What in your opinion are some of the hindrances to the above statement? Discuss at least four (4). **10 marks**
2. Highlight the key points of the following Constitutions:
(a) 1946 Constitution
(b) 1954 Constitution
(c) 1963 Constitution **15 marks**
3. (a) There is an on-going debate to the effect that certain items should be moved from the exclusive legislative list to the concurrent legislative list. Identify and discuss two (2) of such items. **5 marks**
(b) Mr. Shone contested in the last election and won a seat in his senatorial district. He is presently a member of the National Assembly. He has asked you for your input in the debate whether the current system of government in Nigeria is sustainable. Oblige him supporting your answer with two (2) merits and three (3) demerits of the system of government we are presently operating in Nigeria. **10 marks**
4. The minority tribes in Nigeria are clamouring for autonomy over their local affairs. Discuss the constitutional implications of this clamour
5. You have been called upon to draft a Constitution for ZY Republic. What are the things you will take into consideration? **15 marks**

6. Enumerate the differences (if any) between the parliamentary and presidential system of government. **15 marks**