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2020_1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: JIL 516
COURSE UNIT: 4
COURSE TITLE: JURISPRUDENCE AND LEGAL THEORY 11
TIME: 2 ½ Hours

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION 1 (ONE) AND ANY OTHER 3 (THREE)

1. Compare and contrast the ancient and modern history of natural law as advanced by various jurists. Discuss the background that led to the birth and decline of natural law, in your opinion which of the natural law is best to adopt in a democratic society. **15 Marks**

   b. Explain at least three features of a just law in a civilized society. **10 Marks**
   Total= 25 Marks

2. Discuss the philosophy of the Lockean constitutional concept of natural law, the separation of powers and the social contract theory, is it applicable in Nigeria? **15 Marks**

3. Natural law and positive law school of thoughts have certain characteristics that justify their ideologies as to what law is all about. Describe the features of both schools and briefly explain four types of natural law by Thomas Acquinas. **15 Marks**

4. Explain in detail the following statements to a layman's understanding.

   i. Laws improperly so called

   ii. Laws properly so called

   iii. Trilogy of sovereignty, command and sanctions

   iv. Provide with examples the hierarchy of norms in Legislation. **15 Marks**

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5. When does a revolution occurs or the circumstances that lead to a revolution in a society. And concisely explain Karl Max theory of law propounded by him? **15 Marks**

6. The sociological school of jurisprudence propounded by Jhering, Erlich and Durkhein through their academic works. Erlich declare that the centre of gravity of legal development lies not in legislation nor in juristic science or judicial decision but in society itself. Discuss. **15 Marks**

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