



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA  
FACULTY OF LAW  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LAW  
2021\_2 EXAMINATION QUESTIONS.**

**COURSE CODE:** PUL322  
**COURSE TITLE:** ENVIRONMENTAL LAW II  
**CREDIT UNIT:** 4  
**TIME ALLOWED:** 3 HOURS

**Instruction: ANSWER QUESTION 1 (ONE) AND ANY OTHER 3 QUESTIONS. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS (15 MARKS) EXCEPT QUESTION 1 WHICH CARRIES 25 MARKS.**

- 1a. Chief Charles has for over two decades used his house both as a place of residence and for his cottage industries *Ubarif Ltd* where he produces Ubarif tissue paper from recycled texts. So every night, Chief Charles burns up all wastes from the industry. However, his next door neighbor Mr. Rufus has complained over and over again that the smoke from the waste is toxic and affects his breathing. According to Mr. Rufus, he leaves his house for about 4hours to allow the smoke to die down. He also maintains that he does not open the windows of his house till about 2am in the night because the smell of the burnt paper will still be strong in the air. Chief Charles is in doubt as to the validity of Mr. Rufus's claims and whether his activities have breached any environmental law and regulations. Chief Charles now seeks for your advice on the issue.
- 1b. At any case of environmental pollution, there must likely be a breach of rights of some individuals. Summarily State any **five of such** rights
2. Highlight the contributions and the challenges of law to the provision of a clean environment as a human right in Nigeria
- 3a. The protection of the minority rights is one of the major objectives in the programs of the United Nations. Consequently, The United Nations Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities 1994 (UN Sub-Commission First Progress Report, UN Dec. E/CN. 4/Sub. 2/1992/7,428) has far reaching effect in tackling this issue. Roundly discuss the report of the commission.
- 3b. In your own words, define the term 'environmental pollution'
4. The activities of some oil companies is parts of Nigeria are giving serious concern to the communities they negatively affect. For instance, many communities in the Niger Delta zone of the country no longer have good drinking water due to oil spillage to

the streams and rivers. These also affect their farming activities and farm produce from the area which at the long-run have some adverse impact on the lives of Nigerians. From the above knowledge, succinctly discuss the impact analysis of oil spillage on the lives of Nigerians.

5. Briefly explain the following term:
  - a. Pesticides
  - b. Mercury
  - c. Nutrient pollution
  
6. Write short notes on various methods of waste disposal in Nigeria.