



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

COURSE CODE: PUL444
COURSE TITLE: ADMINISTRATIVE LAW II
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.

QUESTIONS

- 1(a) Judicial impartiality is a fundamental characteristic of a civilised legal system under the rule of law. In Administrative Law as in every judicial proceeding, the rule against bias together with the right to be heard form the principles of natural justice. Consequently 'the non-observance of this rule is a basis for judicial review. The origin of this principle dates back to Roman times where the maxim was expressed with the Latin terms *nemo judex in causa sua*. **Succinctly Discuss. =15Marks**
- b. Explain at least four benefits of Prerogative Remedies. **=10Marks**
2. Mention and briefly explain any three forms of formal administrative adjudication that can be identifiable in Nigeria. **=15Marks**
3. You will agree that in every legal system, ignorance of the law is no excuse. This is a supposition designed to aid law enforcement. In actual fact therefore, there are so many people who are ignorant of the law and they get firsthand knowledge of the existence of that law when they are found on the wrong side of the law. However, in order to avoid a circumstance whereby genuinely ignorant persons are punished merely because ignorance of the law is no excuse, States try as much as possible to publish their laws in volumes. In Nigeria, for instance, we have the Laws of the Federation of Nigeria (LFN), the most recent edition being those of 2004. With the above knowledge, relate the issue of publication of rules by administrative agencies. **=15Marks**

4. Generally discuss the doctrine of ultra vires as used in Administrative Law.
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5. Briefly discuss the following terms
 - a. Mandamus
 - b. Certiorari **15Marks**
6. In a nutshell, explain the Local Government systems of the Eastern and Western Nigeria before independence. **=15Marks**