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2019_1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: BFN310	**CREDIT UNIT: 2**

COURSE TITLE: MICRO CREDIT POLICY & INSTITUTIONS
TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS
INSTRUCTIONS:
1. Attempt Question One (1) and any other two (2) questions
2. Question 1 carries 30 marks, while the other questions carry 20 marks each
3. Present all points in coherent and orderly manner

1. (a) Micro credit or micro financing is the means of providing the economically active poor and low income households with financial services such as credit or loan to help them engage in income generating activities. Nigeria as a rich oil producing nation, in your opinion, is there any need for micro credit or micro finance institutions?   **(20 Marks)**

(b) Explain the characteristics of Traditional Micro Finance practices in Nigeria. **(10 Marks)**

2. (a) In an orderly manner, assess the functions of the following micro finance institutions:

    i) National Directorate of Employment (NDE)

    ii) Nigeria Opportunities Industrialist Centre (NOIC)

    iii) The Nigeria Export-Import Bank (NEXIM)

    iv) Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON)   **(4 Marks each = 12 Marks)**

(b) What are the advantages of the above institutions to Small and Medium scale enterprises?

(8 Marks)

3. (a) To what extent has the Federal Government been involved in Poverty alleviation programmes in Nigeria?   **(4 Marks)**

 (b) Discuss four (4) poverty alleviation programmes introduced by the federal government.

(16 Marks)

4. (a) Explain the term NGO. **(2 Marks)**

   (b) What are the features of an NGO? **(6 Marks)**

   (c) Discuss the roles of an NGO in micro financing **(12 Marks)**

5. Most businessmen don't keep adequate financial records of their businesses, hence when the businesses are collapsing they don't know, until it is too late. Discuss. **(20 Marks)**