



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
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FACULTY OF LAW
JANUARY 2018 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: JIL 100

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO LAW

CREDIT UNIT: 4

TIME ALLOWED: 2 ½ hrs

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER THREE QUESTIONS.

1. Law impacts on personal daily lives, it controls and regulates, enforces and punishes our activities. Use the illustration below to highlight the numerous areas of law that may affect our personal activities and the legal implications.

‘Olu Ade a student of Faculty of Law, National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), has an early class for 8am and wakes up at 7:45am. Interestingly, his Electric Alarm Clock failed to wake him up at 6:30am. Feeling let down, he shouted obscenities at the clock for failing him. His neighbor whose house is some meters away heard him. He proceeds to the bathroom for a shower. During breakfast, Olu listens to the daily state news which inter alia catalogues traffic offences, break-ins, mysterious fires in five local schools and objections to a proposed Juvenile detention centre for wayward children and uncouth youths. An information on tertiary fees and delayed payment to the government catches his attention, which reminds him that his class started at eight and he was late with five minutes. Catching the municipal bus, he pays only half fare despite being eighteen years of age. His rent is due tomorrow, as such, he takes the opportunity to write a cheque to the Landlord, alights at the bus stop and posts the cheque. A group of students just off the campus on the footpath of the main road are demonstrating about the poor state of facilities in the University. Focusing on Yemi, the leader of the group, he insults him by calling him a person with No Future Ambition (N.F.A.). Annoyed and incited by the insult, the leader kicks Olu’s briefcase. Amidst physical threats from other students, he rushes to class.” **20marks**

2. Examine the nature of a Federal form of government and discuss the features of the federal government as present in the Nigerian Constitution. **(15 Marks)**
3. Discuss the various ways in which Agency is created **(15 Marks)**
4. The judiciary, interprets and applies the laws, through the court system;

- a. List the courts of major importance in Nigeria in ascending order of authority **(5 Marks)**
 - b. Do a diagrammatic representation of the structure of these courts, setting out for each court, its jurisdiction. **(10 Marks)**
5. **a.** A contract entered into by parties under the law, may be rendered
 1. void
 2. voidable
 3. unenforceable by action
 4. illegal

Discuss. **(8 Marks)**
- b.** Some contracts to be valid and enforceable are required to be in a particular form. Discuss. **(7 Marks)**
6. **a.** Define defamation **(3 Marks)**
 - b. Discuss the defences available for defamation **(12 Marks)**