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FACULTY OF LAW
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COURSE CODE: JIL111

COURSE TITLE: LEGAL METHODS I

CREDIT UNIT: 4

TIME ALLOWED: 2 ½ hrs

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER THREE QUESTIONS.

1. The average citizen may think of Law simply as a body of rules which must be a delayed because he/she sees it from an external point of view and the judge may consider law simply as a guide towards conduct because he sees it from an internal point of view. Neither of them has a complete view of law, to this end, law is indeed a complex phenomenon. Discuss. **(20marks)**.
2. Discuss the characteristics of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. **(15marks)**.
3. To succeed in the professional of Law you must seek to cultivate the command of language. Words are the jurists tools of trade. The reason why words are so important is because words are the vehicle of thoughts... obscurity in thought, inexorable in leads to obscurity in language – LORD DENNIG. Flowing from this quote, discuss five main problems attributed to legal language. **(15marks)**.
4. Thomas Aquinas defined Justice as “the firm and constant will to give to each other his due. It can be argued that the idea of law has always been associated with the idea of justice. What is the relationship between Law and Justice? **(15marks)**.
5. Jean Jacques Rousseau’s celebrated ‘cri de caer’ meaning man is born free yet everywhere he is in chains, may have derived from the romantic notion that the savage lives a life of primitive freedom and simplicity, but in practice, human is never isolated or free ...’. Discuss. **(15marks)**.
6. Brief describe legislative
 - 6a. Who is a Legislative drafter? **(2marks)**.
 - 6b. There are five stages in a legislative drafting process Discuss 3 stages that you know. **(13marks)**.