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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION,
FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES,
2019_1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: PAD305 **CREDIT UNIT: 3**

COURSE TITLE: ELEMENTS OF GOVERNMENT

TIME ALLOWED: 2½ hours

INSTRUCTION:

- 1. Indicate your Matriculation Number clearly**
- 2. Attempt question one (1) and any other three (3) questions; four questions in all**
- 3. Question one (1) is compulsory and carries 25 marks, while the other questions carry 15 marks each.**
- 4. Present all your points in a coherent and orderly manner**

1. Critically examine the concepts of *bicameralism* and *unicameralism*. What are the merits and demerits of each? **(25 marks)**
2. 'The agency through which the purpose and cardinal objectives of a *State* are achieved is called *Government*'. What do you understand by this statement? Differentiate between the features of a 'State' and a 'Government'. **(15 marks)**
3. Explain 'presidential and prime-ministerial' systems of government. What are the distinguishing features of each of these two (2) systems of government? **(15 marks)**
- 4a. What is Political Party? **(5 marks)**
- b. Vividly account for the role of political parties in the crises leading to the collapse of Nigeria's First Republic. **(10 marks)**
5. What is democracy? Discuss its major limitations. **(15 marks)**
6. Explain the meaning of separation of powers. How does one arm of the government constitute a check on the other and how is a balance maintained in governance/government? Illustrate your answer with the U.S.A. presidential system of government. **(15 marks)**