

COURSE CODE: PPL343

COURSE TITLE: FAMILY LAW II

CREDIT UNIT: 4

TIME ALLOWED: 2 ½ hrs

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER THREE QUESTIONS.

1. Nneka, the pretty girl, is the first daughter of a family of 12. Her widowed mother struggled to see her through school. Very fortunately, she secures a job with a prestigious company and with the attractive income, has relieved her mother of the burden of seeing her children through school. Mr. Atilapa, a 59year old man, and Nneka's boss in the office, has been pressuring her to marry his first son if she does not want to lose her job with the company. After threat of losing her job, Nneka succumbed and married Nelson, Atilapa's first son. After three years of tumultuous marriage, Nneka has come to you to file a petition for divorce. Advise her on the issues raise above, and also, whether, Nneka's younger sister, Obianuju, aged 17 can marry both under the custom and statute.
2. Tonye and Tobiloba met in England and got engaged and decided that, because of the beauty of the Nigerian culture, they will be married under the custom only. They both came back home and had a day fixed for the traditional wedding. On the traditional wedding day, Tonye's family refused paying the bride price, insisting it is a barbaric, ancient culture. For the sake of peace, the wedding went on. Ten years after, the two of them have parted ways and have come to you for advice on the grounds for dissolution and the mode of dissolution she should adopt. Advice.
3. Biodun is fed up with his marriage and wants out of the marriage. He has requested you to write a summary of the steps to take in the dissolution of the marriage. Kindly advice. Would the position be different if Biodun's marriage to Kunle is less than two years?
4. What are the permissible actions against a third party in a marriage relationship?
5. Aisha, a medical student and your very close friend, followed you to the court during your court attachment. During the court hearing, she listened to the argument of the counsels that the statutory marriage between the parties is void ab initio. She has asked you to enlighten her on what void and voidable marriage means, setting out the grounds for voidable and voidable marriages.
6. Distinguish between an inchoate marriage and an irregular marriage.

