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**FACULTY OF LAW, DEPARTMENT OF JURISPRUDENCE AND**  
**INTERNATIONAL LAW**  
**Plot 91, Cadastral Zone, Nnamdi Azikiwe Express Way, Jabi – Abuja**  
**2022\_2 Examination**

**COURSE TITLE: CONFLICT OF LAWS II -**

**COURSE CODE: JIL514**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTIONS ONE (1) AND ANY OTHER THREE (3) QUESTIONS. QUESTION ONE (1) IS COMPULSORY AND CARRIES TWENTY FIVE (25) MARKS, WHILE OTHER QUESTIONS CARRY FIFTEEN (15) MARKS EACH.**

**QUESTION 1:**

- a) Mr. Beme died intestate. He was survived by his widow Mrs. Suani Beme with whom he had children. He also had other children out of wedlock. Mr. Beme had immovable properties in Plateau, Lagos, Port-Harcourt and Abuja. Letter of administration were granted to his widow and eldest son, Danga Beme. The widow declined to administer the estate. In an application to set aside the letters of administration instituted by the oldest son, Danga Beme, Mrs. Suani Beme, on behalf of the other beneficiaries of the estate, applied for the distribution of the estate to all the beneficiaries in accordance with the administration of estate law. The matter went on appeal to the Supreme Court. One of the objections raised on appeal by Mrs. Suani Beme and others was that some of the properties were outside Jos, Plateau State and the High Court of Plateau State, was incompetent to adjudicate on any issues relating to them. Discuss with the aid of a decided case the above scenario, stating the decision of the court. (15 marks)
- b) State the five cases in which the courts will enforce a foreign judgment in line with the decision of Emmanuel V Symon. (10 marks)

2. Although same sex marriage is not recognised as a valid form of marriage in Nigeria, a variant of woman to woman marriage is practiced in Nigeria and recognised as valid under Customary Law. Discuss (15 marks).
  
3. Discuss Jurisdiction, choice of law and foreign decrees proceedings for presumption of death of a spouse. (15 marks)
  
4. Discuss the power of court to make orders in property settlement proceedings. (15 marks)
  
5. a) Distinguish between Guardianship and custody. (7 marks)  
  
b) Discuss situations the court has jurisdiction to appoint a guardian. (8 marks)
  
6. State the legal implications of Adoption. (15 marks)