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2022_2 POP EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: PUL243

COURSE TITLE: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I

CREDIT UNITS: 4

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION 1 (ONE) AND ANY OTHER 3 (THREE) QUESTIONS. QUESTION 1 (ONE) ATTRACTS 25 MARKS WHILE OTHERS ARE 15 MARKS EACH.

1. With the aid of relevant authorities/examples, determine the legality or otherwise of the following actions:
 - (a) The use of excessive force by law enforcement agents in dispersing unarmed peaceful protesters leading to injury/death.
 - (b) The activities of hoodlums who put barricades across major roads in various cities and also looted and destroyed both public and private properties.
 - (c) The emotional withdrawal of certain police officers from their duty posts after the ENDSARS Protests. **25 marks**
2. The presidential and parliamentary systems of government have their unique features. Using relevant examples, compare five (5) of these features. **15 marks**
3. Discuss the major highlights of the 1963 Constitution of Nigeria. **15 marks**
4. A constitution guarantees rights and also attracts obligation or duties to the individual on one hand and to the government or public officers and authorities on the other hand. Discuss citing relevant sections of the Constitution. **15 marks**
5. Distinguish between Parliamentary supremacy and Constitutional supremacy. **15 marks**
6. According to Williams Livingstone, “The essential nature of federalism is to be sought not in the shading of legal and constitutional terminology, but in the forces-economic, social, political, cultural – that have made the outward forms of federalism necessary ... Do you agree with this statement? **15 marks**