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NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE 2023_1 POP EXAMINATION.

COURSE CODE: POL 424 COURSE TITLE: POLITICAL PARTIES AND PRESSURE GROUP COURSE UNIT: 3 UNITS TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS

1a. Identify and explain the hierarchical structure of any popular Political Party in Nigeria (12Marks)

1b. Critically assess the three (3) areas of differences between political caucus and political party (4.5 Marks)

Logical presentation and good example = 1marks

Total (17.5 Marks)

2a. What are the critical roles played by the Association for Better Nigeria (ABN) in the annulment of the June 12, 1993 election (10 Marks)?

2b. critically assess the factors that influenced the operation of the June 12, 1993 general election (7.5 Marks).

3a. What do you understand by the concept of pressure groups? (2.5 marks)

3b. Identify and discuss five (5) important techniques used by pressure groups to achieve their objectives (15 marks)

4. Critically assess the functions of political parties and pressure groups (16.5marks) Logical presentation = 1 mark Total (17.5 Marks)

5a. What do you understand by the concept of political party? (2.5 marks)

5b. Identify and explain 4 main functions of political parties across the globe (10 marks).

5c. Describe 5 factors that are helpful to the electoral success of a political party (5marks). Total (17.5 Marks)