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JABI, ABUJA
FACULTY OF LAW
2023_1 POP EXAMINATION.

COURSE CODE: PPL421
COURSE TITLE: LAND LAW I
TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION 1 (ONE) AND ANY 3 (THREE) OTHER QUESTIONS. (QUESTION 1 (ONE) ATTRACTS 25 MARKS). TOTAL = 70 MARKS

1. Extensively discuss the origin of the problem of duality of tenure in Nigeria, and judicial efforts at resolving them.
2. With the aid of relevant authorities, define family and give a detailed discourse on the considerations for determining whether wives/widows, children/grandchildren and slaves/domestics may be classed as members of a family for the purpose of inheritance of family property.
3. The Marriage Act outlaws polygamy. Similarly, the Land Use Act has completely abrogated customary land tenure. Discuss the validity of this statement.
4. Discuss the rules of succession under Yoruba customary law and based on the said rules, state whether succession in Yoruba land is patrilineal, matrilineal or based on primogeniture.
- 5a. Alaka acquired title to land in the Ogboi farming community under a custom that empowered the community head and principal members of the community to void his title for misconduct. In order to circumvent this custom, he created a series of conveyances purporting to convert the land to a fee simple estate. Following Alaka's challenge of the authority of the elders-in-council, they voided his title. He contends that his title is now subject to English law since he has title documents evidencing conveyance in fee-simple. Advise him
- b. Will your answer be different if one of the principal members of the family executed the conveyance document as witness to Assignor in fee simple.
6. With reference to relevant authorities, analyse the allotment right of a community member and its effects (if any) on the powers of the community head/chief.