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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: PAD 305

COURSE TITLE: Elements Government

CREDIT UNIT: 3

INSTRUCTION:

- 1. Indicate your Matriculation Number clearly**
- 2. Attempt 4 questions; question one (1) and any other three (3) questions; four questions in all**
- 3. Question one (1) is compulsory and carries 25 marks, while the other questions carry 15 marks each**
- 4. Present all your points in a coherent and orderly Manner**

TIME ALLOWED: 3 Hours

(Q1a) What are the fundamental differences between a State and a Government, and why is it crucial to establish this distinction? (15 MARKS)

(Q1B) According to Thomas Hobbes' 'state of nature' theory, what role does a government play in modern society, and how does this relate to the primary duties of a government, as exemplified by the Federal Republic of Nigeria? (10marks)

(Q2) What are the fundamental differences between the Presidential and Parliamentary models of the Executive branch, and how do these differences shape the governance of a country?

(Q3) Explain the critical roles and functions of a Legislature and provide a concise yet informative comparison between unicameral and bicameral legislative systems, highlighting their advantages and the countries that adopt them. (15 marks)

(Q4) Describe the key characteristics of a Presidential system of government, including its advantages. (15 marks)

(Q5) What are the key characteristics of a unitary system of government? (15 marks)