



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE :PAD 403

COURSE TITLE: DEMOCRATIC STUDIES

CREDIT UNIT : 3CREDITS

INSTRUCTION : 1. Indicate your Matriculation Number clearly.

2. Attempt question one(1) and any other three(3) questions.

Four questions in all.

3. Question one (1) is compulsory and carries 25marks, while the other questions carry 15marks each

4. Present your points in coherent and orderly manner.

TIME ALLOWED : 3HRS

Question One (1): Democracy has been described as the best form of government. Discuss (25Marks).

Question Two (2): Discuss the major criticisms and limitations of democracy (15Marks).

Question Three (3): Outline and discuss the features of a political system that promote the attainment of the principles and objectives of a democratic order (15 Marks).

Question Four (4) List and explain the reasons for electoral malpractices in Nigerian politics (15 Marks).

Question Five (5): According to Robert Dahl, three (3) conditions are essential to achieve credible election. Discuss (15 Marks).

Question Six (6)(a) Define Political party according to Edmund Burke (5 Marks).

6 (b) Describe what constitute a political party's structure and organisation using Nigeria as an example (10 Marks)