

NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA 14-16 AHMADU BELLO WAY, VICTORIA ISLAND LAGOS SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES MARCH/APRIL 2015 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: BFN304 CREDIT UNIT: 2

COURSE TITLE: FINANCIAL SYSTEMS

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Attempt question number one (1) and any other (2) questions.

2. Question number 1 is compulsory and carries 30 marks, while

the other two questions carry 20 marks each.

3. Present all your points in coherent and orderly manner.

- 1(a) What is a Financial System? List five (5) of its functions
- (b) What are the methods of credit control by The Central Bank of Nigeria?
- (c) What are Financial assets? Explain six (6) characteristics of financial assets
- 2(a) Explain the functions of network of participants in International Financial System?
 - (b) What is a capital market? List and explain the roles of five (5) major players in the capital market
- 3(a) Mention three methods of issuing new securities?
- (b) Mention the functions being performed by the Asset Management Company of Nigeria (AMCON)
- 4(a) List eight (8) instruments that are traded in the money market?
 - (b) What are the benefits of insurance policies?
- 5 (a) The merchant banks perform various functions in the course of their operations in the economy. List six of the functions of a Merchant Bank?
 - (b) What are the differences between Islamic and conventional Banks?