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14-16 AHMADU BELLO WAY, VICTORIA ISLAND LAGOS
SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
MARCH/APRIL 2015 EXAMINATION**

COURSE CODE: POL424: POLITICAL PARTIES AND PRESSURE GROUP

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) ANSWER QUESTION NO. 1 AND ANY 2 OTHERS**
- 2) GOOD ENGLISH AND ORDERLY PRESENTATION OF MATERIALS – (5MARKS)**

Q.1. Distinguish between the functions and strategies of Political Parties and Pressure Groups in a democratic setting (30marks).

Q.2. In chronological order, trace the origin and growth of political parties in Nigeria from 1922 to the Fourth Republic (20marks).

Q.3. Write short notes on the followings:

- a). Capitalism
- b). Socialism
- c). Egalitarianism
- d). Voided Ballot Paper
- e). Tender Ballot Paper
- f). Picketing
- g). Lobbying
- h). Warning Strike
- i). Work-to-rule
- j). Voter Card Reader (20marks).

Q.4. Outline and discuss the various levels at which Political Parties are organized and perform their roles in Nigeria (20marks).

Q.5. One of the demerits of party system in Nigeria is that it polarizes the society along the fault lines. Discuss this observation with examples.