

NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA 14/16 AHMADU BELLO WAY, VICTORIA ISLAND, LAGOS SCHOOL OF LAW JUNE/JULY 2013 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: LED 757

COURSE TITLE: LEGISLATIVE STYLE, SYNTAX AND EXPRESSIONS

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HRS

INSTRUCTION: Answer any five questions. All questions carry equal

marks each

- 1. Describe the guidelines relating to the process of writing a legislative sentence.
- 2. Discuss the stages to decide on the components of a legislative sentence.
- 3. As a draftsman, how do you decide on the principal predicate and what are the four considerations which you keep in mind?
- 4. Describe the 3 types required to draft a command and different auxiliaries needed to provide result.
- 5. Describe the functions of punctuation in legislation? Is punctuation part of syntax? What are the characteristics of punctuations?
- 6. While drafting legislation, the drafter may go wrong. Such cases need special or particular care. Discuss the care that needs to be taken.
- 7. In legislative drafting, syntax and style are interrelated. Discuss ten issues of style.
- 8. Discuss 10 practices, used in communication in drafting a bill.
- 9. How can a draftsman make legislation comprehensive and concise in the contemporary world? Discuss 2 main points in detail.