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LAW 112 - LEGAL METHODS II

Time allowed: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Attempt any four questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1.
 - a. Discuss the different meanings that may be ascribed to the term 'sources of law'
 - b. Identify, with examples, the major sources of Nigerian Law
 - c. What are the advantages of studying the sources of law?
2. You have been asked to mentor a secondary school student who is considering a career in law. Your mentee cannot understand why people always talk about the law library. Prepare a comprehensive discourse on the law library to aid your mentee's understanding. In addition to other useful information, your discourse must contain information on
 - a. Reference services
 - b. Cataloguing
 - c. The acquisition department
 - d. Uses of the Library
3.
 - a. What is legal research
 - b. Discuss the various stages of legal research
4.
 - a. Job visited the local branch of his bank to complete a quick transaction. Unknown to him, the banking hall floor had just been cleaned and was still wet. Job slipped on the wet floor and sprained his ankle. He has been told that the bank was negligent in not alerting customers to the fact that the floor was wet. Advise him on what his lawyer must show for his claim of negligence to succeed.

- b. List 4 types of indexes, their periodicity of publication and subject areas
5. Ego engaged Kudi's services to help him clear his new Touareg Jeep from Apapa Port. They agreed that the Jeep would be cleared before the end of the month to reduce charges and to enable Ego sell the Jeep to Sparkly. Kudi failed to clear the Jeep as agreed but had no cogent reason for his failure. Ego lost a lot of money because of Kudi's failure. He sued Kudi at the Lagos High Court for breach of contract. During the trial, Ego's lawyer, Barr. Too Know relied on several cases including *A Limited V. B* (2009) 4 All E.R 245 and *Ryan V. Fletcher* (2012) NWLR 448. Kudi's counsel, Barr. Authority, denied Ego's claim and relied on the case of *Kulikuli V. Agbalumo* (2011) 3 ACR 450. The trial judge held that Ego was entitled to damages for Kudi's breach of contract. During the judgment he said 'a cardinal principle for every businessman is to treat others as you want them to treat you'. He ordered Kudi to pay N5,000,000.00 damages and N50,000 costs to Ego.
Prepare a case report, capturing the above.
6. With the aid of decided cases;
- a. Define the terms -
 - i. issue
 - ii. rule
 - iii. principle
 - b. Explain the difference between a rule and principle and how each of them may be applied in resolving an issue.
7. You were unable to attend the compulsory moot competition organised by the School of Law. You have been informed that all those who failed to attend will be severely penalised but you have a cogent reason for your absence. Write a letter to your Dean, explaining why you were absent and the steps you have taken to ensure that you actively participate in the next moot competition. Your letter must correspond with the following:
- a. Address must be in blocked style
 - b. The main body must be in semi- blocked style
 - c. Letter should be open punctuated
 - d. Date should be North American style

8.
 - a. 'It is from words and the context, not punctuation that the sense must be collected'. With the aid of relevant authorities, state the origin of the above comment and differentiate it from the position in Nigeria.
 - b. Differentiate between the use of a comma (,) and semi colon (;)
 - c. State two uses of each of the following punctuation marks
 - i. full stop (.)
 - ii. colon (:)