



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
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SCHOOL OF LAW
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2013 EXAMINATION

LAW 411- OIL AND GAS LAW I

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS, ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

1. [A.] WHAT IS PETROLEUM?

[B.] BRIEFLY DISCUSS WHAT YOU UNDERSTAND BY OIL AND NATURAL GAS

[C.] EXPLAIN HOW PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS ARE FORMED AND THEIR BASIC COMPONENTS

2. DISCUSS THE ORIGIN OF PETROLEUM AND ITS DEVELOPMENT UNIVERSALLY.

3. [A.] **WHAT IS OIL EXPLORATION?**

[B.] **MAKE A FULL DISCUSSION ON THE EARLY OIL EXPLORATION EFFORTS AROUND THE WORLD.**

4. OIL AND GAS APART FROM THEIR KNOWN DOMESTIC USAGES ARE HIGHLY IMPORTANT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EGALITARIAN SOCIETY. DISCUSS

5. PETROLEUM USAGE AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA NOW KNOWN AS NIGERIA IS TRACEABLE TO A LONG LINE OF HISTORY AND DATES. DISCUSS.

6. [A.] 'OIL EXPLORATION', 'PROSPECTING' AND 'MINING' CAN BE LIKABLE TO A TRIPLET OF THE SAME MOTHER, AMONG WHICH 'OIL EXPLORATION' RANKS FIRST. DISCUSS

[B.] EVERYTHING THAT HAS AN END MUST HAVE AN IDENTIFIABLE BEGINNING; SO ALSO IS THE CASE OF OIL EXPLORATION UNIVERSALLY. DISCUSS

7. THE PRESENT USABLE NATURE OF OIL AND GAS IS CREDITABLE TO CERTAIN LABORIOUS MECHANICAL AND CHEMICAL PROCESSES. DISCUSS

8. MAKE A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF THE LEGAL REGIME OF PETROLEUM UNDER THE NIGERIA COLONIAL ERA GIVEN CONSIDERATION TO CERTAIN DISCRIMINATORY EFFECTS CREATED BY SOME OF THE LAWS.

9. GIVE A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF GAS FLARING IN OIL OPERATIONS, IT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE RESPONSE OF OUR COURT TO GAS FLARING IN NIGERIAN OIL FIELDS