



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
14-16 AHMADU BELLO WAY, VICTORIA ISLAND LAGOS
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2015 EXAMINATION**

SCHOOL OF LAW

COURSE CODE: LAW 111

COURSE TITLE: LEGAL METHODS I

TIME ALLOWED: 2 ½ Hours

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER FOUR QUESTIONS ONLY. QUESTION ONE IS COMPULSORY. All questions carry equal marks

ANSWER FOUR QUESTIONS INCLUDING QUESTION ONE

1. A client has come to lodge a complaint in your law firm. He was involved in a mild accident while driving to work. On being asked to produce his driver's license by a Road Safety Officer, he realised that he forgot it in the breast pocket of the shirt he wore the previous day. He was charged for driving without a valid driver's license. Kindly advise him.
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2. (a) Differentiate between these two concepts – public law and private law.
(b) Equity came to mitigate the rigours of the common law. Discuss briefly.
3. Discuss the connection between civil wrongs and crimes?
4. Write short notes on any TWO of the following –
 - (a) Legal principles and legal concepts
 - (b) Substantial and procedural law
 - (c) Legislative process
5. "It is no part of a judge's function to create rules of law; the only task of a judge is to apply already established rules." What do you understand by this statement?
6. A trial judge in Kuchingoro Area Court is adjudicating on a matter. The counsel to the defendant while addressing the court relied on the decision of a High Court on a similar matter. The counsel to the plaintiff informed the court that the case in question is not relevant to the present case. Advise the Judge.