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SCHOOL OF LAW
JUNE/JULY 2013 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: LAW 111
COURSE TITLE: LEGAL METHOD 1
TIME ALLOWED: 3 HRS
INSTRUCTIONS: Answer any five questions. All questions carry equal marks

1. Define the concept of justice and enumerate the different classes of justice

2.   Describe the features of law, mention and explain 4 classifications of law.

3. a.   Describe the factors that affect the weight of a judicial precedent.
 b.   What do you understand by (a) *Per Incuriam* (b) *Obiter dictum* .

4. "To succeed in the profession of law, you must seek to cultivate command of language; words   are the jurist tools of trade. The reasons why words are so important are because words are the   vehicle of thought......obscurity in thoughts inexorably leads to obscurity in language...."per Lord   Denning.

i.   In the light of the above quotation discuss the importance of language to law.

ii. Give 5 examples of ambiguities associated with language in the drafting of legal documents

5a. Law is the restraining factor in the exercise of man's freedom: if not, man would have long returned to the state of nature. Discuss.
b. Differentiate between deductive and inductive logic.

6. Discuss the relationship that exist between the law, sovereign and the State.

7a. Give reasons why news laws are made.

b.   What are the processes legislative proposals will pass through before it becomes law.

c.   How does an individual outside the legislature propose a bill?

8. With the aid of decided cases explain the following rules of Interpretation of statutes:-

a) Golden Rule
b) Mischief Rule
c) *Ejusden generis* Rule

9a. Describe the sources of the Nigerian Constitution
b. Mention and explain the characteristics of the Nigerian constitution.