



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
14-16, AHMADU BELLO WAY, VICTORIA ISLAND, LAGOS
SCHOOL OF ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES
MARCH/APRIL 2014 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: POL424

COURSE TITLE: POLITICAL PARTIES & PRESSURE GROUP

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question 1 and any other two

1. (a) Define the term 'Political Party'
(b) Explain the characteristics of a political party
(c) Mention main functions of a political party **(30 marks)**

2. Trace the origin of political parties in Nigeria **(20 marks)**

3. Explain the following political ideology
(a) Democratic Socialism
(b) Capitalism
(c) Conservatism **(20 marks)**

4. Distinguish between Universal Adult Suffrage and restricted franchise **(20 marks)**

5. Compare and contrast the suitability of a multi-party system for a country like Nigeria **(20 marks)**