



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

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER FIVE QUESTIONS IN ALL

TIME: 3 HOURS

LAW515: JURISPRUDENCE AND LEGAL THEORY I

- 1. THE STUDY OF JURISPRUDENCE IS NONETHELESS IMPORTANT IN THE SOCIETY BUT THIS IS INCOMPARABLE TO ITS ROLE, USES AND APPLICABILITY BOTH IN PRACTICE AND CONTENT TO LEGAL PHILOSOPHY. DISCUSS**
- 2. THE STUDY OF JURISPRUDENCE OUTSIDE THE COVERAGE OF ITS NATURE, DEFINITION, AND SCOPE WILL CERTAINLY BE AN EXERCISE IN FUTILITY. DISCUSS**
- 3. NO SOCIETY CAN SURVIVE WITHOUT LAW. ITS FUNCTIONS ARE SO ENORMOUS IN THE SOCIETY THAT IT HAS BECOME A SUBJECT OF MANY LEGAL THEORIES FROM DIFFERENT SCHOOL OF THOUGHTS. DISCUSS.**
- 4. JUSTICE, MORALITY AND RELIGION ARE THREE DIFFERENT CONCEPTS WITH DIFFERENT VALUES AND PERCEPTIONS. DISCUSS**
- 5. NOTWITHSTANDING THAT, JUSTICE, MORALITY AND RELIGION ARE THREE DINSTINCT CONCEPTS; THEY ARE NONETHELESS INTERRELATED IN THEIR APPLICATION TO LEGAL PHILOSOPHY. DISCUSS**
- 6. [A.] TO WHAT EXTENT DO NON-LAW ELEMENTS AFFECT THE VIABILITY OF LAW?**

[B.] IDENTIFY AND DISCUSS THE VARIOUS FACTORS THAT MAY LEAD TO RESISTANCE OF SOCIAL CHANGE BY THE SOCIETY.
- 7. THE INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE LAW CAN BE A MOTIVATION TO PROVOKE POSITIVE SOCIAL CHANGES WITHIN A GIVEN SOCIETY BUT NOT WITHOUT CERTAIN LIMITATIONS. DISCUSS**
- 8. AS A MINISTER IN THE TEMPLE OF JUSTICE, A LEGAL PRACTITIONER MUST BE DEEMED "FIT AND PROPER" NOT ONLY BY HIS CHARACTERS BUT BY WAYS OF INTERRELATIONSHIP WITH CLIENT AND COLLEAGUES. DISCUSS**
- 9. A LEGAL PRACTITIONER'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COURT IS NOT A ONE WAY PROCEDURE BUT THAT OF RESPONSIBILITIES IN BOTH WAYS WITHOUT OCCASSIONING HURT FROM ONE TO ANOTHER. DISCUSS.**

