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14/16 AHMADU BELLO WAY, VICTORIA ISLAND, LAGOS
SCHOOL OF LAW
JUNE/JULY 2013 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: LAW 112

COURSE TITLE: LEGAL METHODS 11

TIME ALLOWED: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer any five questions. All questions carry equal marks

1. What do you understand by sources of Law. Describe the classification of primary and secondary sources of Nigerian law
- 2a. Describe the processes of a legal research.
- 2b. Discuss briefly the various types of indexes.
3. i. Explain the concept of Law.
ii. Discuss the principle of the Rule of law. What are the differences between the concept of law and Rule of Law.
4. With the aid of decided cases, evaluate how issues are identified in a case and how principles of law are applied in resolving legal problems.
5. Explain 2 methods of legal reasoning. What are the factors that judges will consider to justify their decisions?
6. Write short notes on the following:
 - i. Judicial Reasoning
 - ii. Judicial Notice
 - iii. Judicial opinion
- 6b. Why are text books not binding on the court?
- 7a. How does courts apply legal rules in social matters?
 - b. As a legal practitioner, write a letter to a colleague requesting for an out of court settlement of a dispute.
- 8a. Differentiate between the bench and the bar.
- b. Describe the functions of the Body of Benchers and the Council of Legal Education
9. Analyze the similarities and differences between the English court system and the Nigeria court system.