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14/16 AHMADU BELLO WAY, VICTORIA ISLAND, LAGOS
SCHOOL OF LAW
MARCH/APRIL 2014 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: LAW111

COURSE TITLE :LEGAL METHODS I

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: QUESTION ONE IS COMPULSORY AND YOU ARE TO ANSWER ANY OTHER THREE (3) QUESTIONS. All questions carry 17.5 marks.

1. A new law has been enacted that prohibits people from smoking in public places. Defaulters risk a twenty one year jail term or a fine of twenty one million naira. Tobacco, a chain smoker who has been smoking for the past twenty one years has resolved to abide by the new law and decided to throw away the twenty one packs of imported cigarettes worth N21,000 he has in his house away. What factors do you think motivated his decision to abide by this new law?
2. "Law is an ordinance of reason directed towards the common good and promulgated by the one who has the care of the community". Critically discuss this statement in relation to our West African contemporary society.
3. Discuss the relevance of substantive law in the application of procedural law.
4. Is judicial precedent relevant in sifting of law and facts in court? Give reasons for your answer.
5. With the aid of statutory and judicial authorities, discuss the various tools of interpreting legislations by Judges.
6. What is the difference between a bill and legislation? Describe a good drafter and the qualities he/she should possess?