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

COURSE CODE: LAW 112

COURSE TITLE: LEGAL METHODS II

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. To what extent do you agree with the assertion that the most potent sources of law are the primary sources of law?
2. Discuss what you think are the reasons why legal practitioners take notes when interviewing clients.
3. Zanga's child died as a result of food poisoning from biscuits manufactured by Chopsy company limited. Zanga's lawyer has written the company on their plans to sue to recover damages. At a meeting of the members of the board of Chopsy Company limited, it was agreed that a N100,000 settlement would be the best option for both parties. You are required as the legal officer of Chopsy limited to reply Zanga's letter of your company's intention to offer Zanga the N100,000 settlement.
4. Discuss the importance of legal research skills to academic and legal development.
5. You have been given an assignment on constitutional law. How would you access the different sources of materials in the law library?
6. What is the difference between a principle of law and a rule? What would the court do if there is no pre-existing rule to decide a case? Why are cases of Magistrate courts not reported?