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COURSE CODE: LAW 111

COURSE TITLE: LEGAL METHODS I

CREDIT UNIT: 4

TIME ALLOWED: 2 ½ HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER FOUR QUESTIONS ONLY.

QUESTION ONE IS COMPULSORY

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1. Isikien, a young lawyer attached to the Federal Ministry of Justice, Abuja for her Youth Service has been asked by the Director of Legal Drafting department to initiate a bill. Kindly advice her on the process the bill will go through before it becomes law.
2. Iyabo and Goke are next door neighbours. They became friends because they both have interest in studying law at the prestigious National Open University of Nigeria. They argue a lot on issues ranging from politics, the economy, government and the judicial system. In one of their arguments on judicial system, Emeka said that punishment for crimes apart from being aimed at protecting the society should also have corrective and deterrent effect on people generally. Uche on the other hand opined that many factors operate to compel a general respect for and obedience to law. In your own opinion, what do u think make people obey the law?
3. Determine the validity of the following issues:
 - (a) The Chief Justice of Nigeria appointed by the President of Nigeria on the recommendation of the National Judicial Institute.
 - (b) The appointment of a person to the office of a Justice of the Court of Appeal made by the State Governor on the recommendation of the National Judicial Council.
 - (c) The appointment of a person to the office of Chief Judge of the Federal High Court made by the President on the advice of the National Judicial Council subject to confirmation of such appointment by the Senate.
4. Common law can only be understood properly by tracing the origin of English law. Discuss.
5. Statutes in the 13th century forbade the creation of new writs unless they were analogous to the old. What do you understand by this statement? Elucidate.
6. Ada is a Principal Secretary in the law firm of Adio & Co. Legal Practitioners. She has been working in the firm for a period of time, about 5 years two months to be precise. She intends to study law someday and obtain a degree in law. In preparation

for her forthcoming examinations, Ada has approached you with a question about the meaning and types of Constitutions you know. As a junior counsel in the law firm, kindly assist her.