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**COURSE CODE: LAW100**

**COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO LAW**

**TIME ALLOWED: 2 Hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer any 4 questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

1. Kike forcefully slapped Bose in the face. An act of Parliament states that it is an offence to hit with the palm, fist, knuckle or fingers any person on their face. By referring to the decided cases, apply three rules of interpretation to determine the legal implication of Kike's actions.

1b. Applying the same three rules of interpretation, discuss will the outcome be different if Kike was armed with a frying pan?

2. Timon was clearing his courtyard; he picked up a stick and immediately spotted a poisonous tarantula on it, known to cause massive hemorrhage & eventual death of sting victim. He violently threw the stick which struck Pumba who was having a satisfying meal of corn & coconut at his backyard, away from his wife & children. The spider was dislodged by the violence of the throw and angrily stung Pumba's wife who was sneaking upon him. She screamed and threw the spider over Rafiki's fence, whom she had several times quarreled with and was quoted as saying she would deal ruthlessly with her in the near future. Rafiki was terribly frightened but unhurt.

a. Keeping in mind above facts, identify the legal issues that can be raised?

b. What defences may be raised by Timon in respect of criminal charges that can be brought against him?

3. Discuss extensively two major obstacles to the enforcement of Legal Rights in Nigeria. Also discuss at least three means of addressing the attendant problems they present.

4. Irene aged 18, fell off a tree and hurt her leg. She feared the possibility of the pain involved in treatment hence she hid it for two weeks at home till it became gangrenous. Her step mother Obuba, a nurse, observed her throughout the period knowing she had hurt her leg and did nothing. In view of these facts, state

a. What legal issues, if any, are raised in this situation?

b. Is there any legal implication? What remedy, if any, maybe be sought in law?

5. Judge made law is not an authoritative source of law. Discuss this statement in detail in respect of its veracity or otherwise with reference to the decided cases.

6. In Nigeria, the sources of law maybe classified into two major parts. State these classifications and describe with examples what constitutes each classification.

7. Which court is competent to decide cases involving the following and why?

- i. A murder charge.
- ii. A claim of bias of the electoral commission by a defeated presidential candidate.
- iii. A dispute in respect of states territorial waters.
- iv. A child custody dispute.

8. Define any 3 of the following legal terms:

- i. *Ratio decidendi*
- ii. *Obiter dictum*
- iii. Dissenting Judgment
- iv. Material facts.
- v. Majority Judgment
- vi. Circumstantial Evidence
- vii. Hearsay
- viii. Nuisance.