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COLLEGE OF LAW
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COURSE CODE: PUL 204 COURSE TITLE: NIGERIAN LEGAL SYSTEM
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INSTRUCTIONS

ANSWER ANY 4 QUESTIONS

EACH QUESTION ATTRACTS 17^{1/2} MARKS

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

1. Discuss the stages of criminal proceedings in Nigeria from arrest to conviction.
2. Explain exhaustively the stages of civil proceedings in Nigeria.
3. Discuss the functions of the Attorney-General in a modern state.
4. At common law, the Attorney-General, subject only to the ultimate control of public opinion and that of the legislature, is a master unto himself, law unto himself, and under no control whatsoever, judicial or otherwise in relation to his powers of instituting or discontinuing criminal proceedings by entering a *nolle prosequi*, whether such criminal proceedings are by the state or by any other person or authority. *Per* Eso JSC, in the case of *State v Ilori*. Against the background of the above dictum, discuss the nature of the power of *nolle prosequi*.
5. Discuss exhaustively the influence of military rule on the Nigerian Legal system.
6. It is trite law that a person ought not to be twice vexed or twice punished for the same offence. The underlying maxim is, *nemo debet bis puniri unio delicto*.
In view of the above principle, discuss the present law under the Nigerian legal system.