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NIGERIAN LEGAL SYSTEM I - PIL 206

INSTRUCTION: Answer TWO questions from each section.

1. According to Lord Denning:
The freedom of the just man is worth little to him if he could be preyed upon by the murderers or thief. Every society must have the means to protect itself from marauders. It must have powers to arrest, search, and to imprison those who break the law, so long as those powers are properly exercised, they are themselves the safeguards of freedom.
From the above view, define the word 'law' and discuss the functions of law in modern society.
2. Discuss the nature of law according to various jurisprudential theories.
3. Discuss the historical development of the court of Equity and the reception of the Statutes of General Application which became applicable on January 1st 1900 in England, the doctrine of Common Law, and principles of equity in Nigeria.

SECTION B

4. What are the sources of Nigeria Law?
5. Discuss exhaustively the doctrines of Common Law, and the Principles of Equity.
6. What is Interpretation of Statutes? Explain the four important rules of Interpretation of Statutes.