

BOWEN UNIVERSITY, IWO, OSUN STATE
COLLEGE OF LAW
SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION 2022/2023 SESSION
LEGAL METHODS II - LAW 102

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer any two questions from Section A and any two questions from Section B.

Time Allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes.

Section A

1. (a.) According to Oliver Wendel Holmes, "the law is what the court will do in fact and nothing more pretentious". Critically examine the extent to which this statement applies to the sources of law in Nigeria.
(b.) Would you regard international law as a primary or secondary source of law in Nigeria?
2. Pending the inauguration of the National Assembly, the newly elected Senators of the Federal Republic of Nigeria wish to be enlightened about their law-making duties. Consequently, you have been given a special invitation to facilitate one of the training sessions.
(a.) Write a paper for presentation on the law-making process in Nigeria.
(b.) What type(s) of legal essay do you think is appropriate for the occasion and why?
(c.) After your paper presentation, Senator Jaga-jaga expressed concern that law-making is a very onerous venture which is time consuming and requires high expertise in various specialised fields of discipline. He expressed concerns that he and his colleagues may not always have the time or expertise to timeously make laws on every emerging issue in the society. Advise the senators on how to address this concern.
3. (a.) Omini Knowest is a 100 Level law student of Bowen University, Iwo. His Legal Methods lecturer, Dr. Mrs. Koikoi, has just given them an assignment to write a legal research paper on any topic of their choice. Omini Knowest is confused about how to approach the task and has requested your assistance. Advise Omini Knowest on the necessary steps to take in writing the legal essay.
(b.) List and explain the essential qualities of a good legal essay.

Section B

4. (a) What is evidential burden and when does it shift in a criminal trial?
(b) Write short notes on any two of the following:
 - (i) Distinguishing cases
 - (ii) Shift of Law and the Latin maxim *Juria Novit Curia*
5. (a). Legal research is a careful and detailed study of facts and law in order to achieve a desired result. Why do we need to conduct research in the legal profession?
(b). State the elements by which a book can be identified in the library.
(c) Explain briefly the role of the Law Librarian in the Library.
6. (a.) Write short note on a book catalogue.
(b). In a Law Library books are usually arranged in different sections of the Library according to their subject matter, area or subtopic. Write short notes on these sections.