

**BOWEN UNIVERSITY, IWO, OSUN STATE  
COLLEGE OF LAW  
FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION  
2021/2022 SESSION**

**CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I – PIL 203**

**INSTRUCTION: ATTEMPT ONE QUESTION FROM EACH SECTION**

**ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS IN ALL - TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS**

**Each question carries 17<sup>1/2</sup> Marks**

**LOGICAL AND GRAMMATICALLY CORRECT PRESENTATION OF ANSWERS ARE IMPORTANT**

**SECTION A**

1. Hans Kelson in his book "Law if Facts (1973) stated, "In any constitutional arrangement, there is a hierarchy of courts which are termed norms at the apex, is the Grundnorm through which all other norms derive their validity and whenever such norms, contradict the provisions of the Grundnorm, such laws will be null and void and inconsistent". In view of the above, write a critic of the past military rule in Nigeria.
2. The Richards constitution of 1946 emerged as a result of proposals made and aimed at promoting the unity of the country and ensuring more participation of Nigerians in their affairs. Discuss the features, merits and demerits of the Richard's constitution and the Macpherson's Constitution of 1951.
3. Write short notes on the following;
  - (a) Jus Cogens
  - (b) Ouster Clauses
  - (c) The legal implications of a coup d'etat.

**SECTION B**

4. 4. In Nigeria, complete separation of powers is inoperative. Discuss.
5. With the aid of decided cases, write full notes on the following:
  - a) Supremacy of the Law
  - b) Equality before the Law

**SECTION C**

- 6a. Define Constitution.
- 6b. To what extent is the preamble of the 1999 Constitution true to its intent and purpose.
- 7a. Compare and contrast the Presidential and Parliamentary Systems of Government.

7b. Write explanatory notes on the following:

- (i) The sources of a Constitution.
- (ii) The five salient attributes of a sovereign State.
- (iii) Rigid Constitution.
- (v) Unwritten Constitution.