

**BOWEN UNIVERSITY, IWO**  
**COLLEGE OF LAW**  
**CONSTITUTIONAL LAW I – PIL 203**  
**FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION QUESTIONS**  
**2023/2024 SESSION**  
**ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM EACH SECTION**  
**ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS IN ALL**  
**ALL QUESTIONS CARRIES EQUAL MARKS**  
**TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS**

**SECTION A**

1. Adeleke and Zainab are 200L LL.B students of Redeemers University, Ede. They got into a discussion after Constitutional Law class and eventually engaged in an argument. Adeleke is of the view that the concept of sovereignty is one of the most controversial concepts in political science and International Law jurisprudence, while Zainab completely disagreed with him. In the course of their argument, Adebayo appeared and quietly listened to their argument and shook his head and smiled and suddenly said “what exactly are you guys talking about?” Adebayo being a Theatre Art student asked the following questions :
  - a. Is the concept of sovereignty really associated with chromatic definitions?
  - b. In few sentences, examine the nuanced view on sovereignty by Jeremy Bentham that is embedded in his perspective on the concept.
  - c. In your considered opinion, is there a relationship between sovereignty and the people. Discuss, with the aid of relevant authorities.
- 2a. The idea of Parliamentary sovereignty tends to depart from the understanding of constitutional sovereignty, yet parliamentary sovereignty seems to assume the right to make or unmake any law whatsoever. The above assertion remained a monster to Ademola who is a medical student of Bowen University, Iwo a roommate to Joshua, a 200L Law student. Critically examine the above assertion in relation to the idea of parliamentary sovereignty.
- 2b. The Nigerian Constitution mirrors the system adopted and popularized by the United States of America. To what extent can you say that the Nigerian experience differs from the American model in the application of the doctrine of separation of powers and the accompanying checks and balances.
- 3a. Mr. Lanre of Moroko, Lagos alleged that the concept of separation of powers is a Utopian dream in the current political dispensation in Nigeria. Mr. Olatunji disagreed with him

claiming that the core concept of separation of powers encompassed several factors. What is your advice? Support your advice with at least four relevant factors according to Baron de Montesquieu.

- 3b. Write explanatory notes on the following :
- a. Supremacy of the Law.
  - b. Equality before the Law.
  - c. Independence of the Judiciary. Support your answers with relevant statutory provisions and Judicial authorities.

### **SECTION B**

4. The subject of Constitutional Law and the study of the Constitution is Siamese in nature which if separated, may result in the death of the other. Discuss this assertion.
- 5a. As the Speaker of the LSS Parliament, you have been invited to speak on the topic "Attributes of a Sovereign State; how salient is it?" Kindly present your paper.
- 5b. Write an explanatory note on your view of the Preamble of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- 6a. Compare and Contrast the Parliamentary and Presidential Systems of Government.
- 6b. Highlight the different sources of a Constitution.