



ELIZADE UNIVERSITY, ILARA-MOKIN ONDO STATE
PROF YEMI OSINBAJO FACULTY OF LAW
FIRST SEMESTER 2018/2019 ACADEMIC SESSION
BACHELOR OF LAWS (LL.B) DEGREE EXAMINATION

LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING I - LAW 301

INSTRUCTION: ATTEMPT FOUR QUESTIONS ONLY - ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

- ✓ 1. In many legal settings, specialized forms of written communications are required. In many others, writing is the medium in which a lawyer must express their analysis of an issue and seek to persuade others on their client's behalf. In view of the foregoing, examine holistically, the aims, objectives and purposes of legal writing.
2. Legal writing comes in various forms and shapes. Critically examine the legal materials that a lawyer has to write at one time or the other, in the course of his profession.
- ✓ 3. By classification. Legal Writing can be Descriptive, Narrative, Expository or Argumentative. Compare and Contrast each of these heads and give an example of each.
4. Legal research and legal writing are fundamental skills necessary to the practice of law. An attorney's failure to perform adequate legal research or write well can violate the attorney's professional responsibility. A demonstrated lack of competence in legal writing can lead to breach of ethical rules and can lead to a reprimand, suspension or disbarment for the practice of law. Identify the ethical issues / obligation involved in legal writing.
- ✓ 5. In order to write well in any subject, you need to take preparatory steps. Identify these steps and discuss.
- ✓ 6. Apart from the skills of counselling, advocacy and research, a lawyer must know how to express himself in writing. Appraise the elements / ingredients of good legal writing.

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