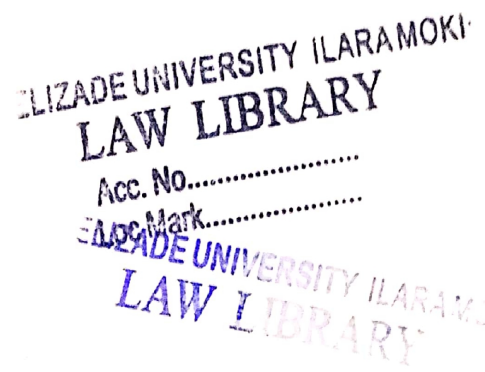




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First Semester 2019/2020 Examinations
LAW 301 Legal Research & Writing I
Time allowed: 2Hours, 30mins
Instructions: Answer four questions

1. You have been consulted by Chief Adisa Agbaje of No 28, Victory Road, Akure, Ondo State. Chief Adisa informed you during the briefing that one man, Paul Oguche of No 50, Ajakaye Street, Akure damaged his reputation through a newspaper publication in which Mr. Paul referred to him as a fraudster. Chief Adisa considered the publication as defamatory and has therefore instructed you to write a letter to Mr. Paul Oguche to take the following actions:
 - (i) Retraction of the statement
 - (ii) Tendering an unreserved apology through the same newspaper
 - (iii) Payment of ₦5m as damages
 - (a) As a Solicitor, discuss briefly in one paragraph the type of letter to be written to Mr. Paul Oguche.
 - (b) In not more than five words, suggest a title for the letter to be written to Mr. Paul Oguche.
 - (c) Write a one page letter of three paragraphs in a block format to Mr. Paul Oguche on the complaint of your client and his request.
2. Rewrite the following sentences in such a way as to remove the phrases used for padding:
 - (a) The form of government that will guarantee sustainable development in Nigeria is the government of the people by the people and for the people.
 - (b) It is the policy of the government in Nigeria to count the number of people at a regular interval of ten years.
 - (c) There will be no peace until such a time the people are ready to love one another.
 - (d) All things considered Oluwa forest reserves are in better shape now than before.
 - (e) As a matter of fact, there are more illiterates in Nigeria now than there were in 1960.
 - (f) The era in which we must aggressively defend our sovereignty has for all intent and purposes passed.
 - (g) In my opinion, this wasteful policy ought to be reviewed.
3. Construct a sentence with the following words used as generic transition:
 - (a) Nevertheless
 - (b) Similarly
 - (c) Simultaneously
 - (d) Because
 - (e) Unfortunately

4. The High Court of Ondo State, Nigeria sitting at Igbaraoke Judicial division delivered a judgement on a land matter between your client, Mr. Stephen Okuro who was the plaintiff and Alhaji Gidodo Yusuf the defendant. The court dismissed the case of your client and he has expressed his dissatisfaction with the decision. He has now engaged your service as a counsel to appeal the decision. He informed you during the briefing that the judgement was delivered on the 7th of January, 2020 after the final address of the parties on 7th July. He has also not been given a copy of the judgement.
 - (a) With the aid of the Constitution, explain to your client the time frame within which the court should deliver a judgement after the final address and the implication for the judgement.
 - (b) With the aid of the Constitution, explain to your client the number of days within which parties should be furnished with a copy of the judgement.
 - (c) Explain to your client the court with appellate jurisdiction over the matter.
 - (d) As a counsel, explain to your client the time limit within which to appeal in the matter.
 - (e) Explain briefly the process of filing an appeal.
5. As a guest speaker of the Annual Law Dinner of the Law Students' Society of Elizade University, you are to speak on the doctrine of *stare decisis*. Discuss the doctrine and implications for the courts listed in the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
6. What is an appellate brief? Discuss the forms of an appellate brief.