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2025_2 EXAMINATIONS**

COURSE CODE: JIL 211

COURSE TITLE: NIGERIAN LEGAL SYSTEM 1

INSTRUCTION: Answer Question 1 and 3 others (Question 1 carries 25 marks)

Time ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

1. Discuss the distinctions between Islamic law and customary law and explain the characteristics of customary law within the Nigerian legal system. 25 marks
2. List and explain at 6 major sources of the Nigerian legal system. 15 marks
3. Explain the meaning of a court and outline the superior courts of records in Nigeria in their hierarchical order. 15 marks
4. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria is regarded as the grundnorm of the legal system. Do you agree with this statement? Justify yourself.
5. Analyze the two main types of jurisdictions exercised by the Supreme Court of Nigeria, providing relevant examples and legal references where appropriate
6. Identify and explain the four (4) rules employed by courts in the interpretation of statutes in order to understand the intention of the law makers in any jurisdiction.

15 marks