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DEPARTMENT OF JURISPRUDENCE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW
2025_2 EXAMINATIONS**

COURSE CODE: JIL 212:

COURSE TITLE: NIGERIA LEGAL SYSTEM II DEA242

**INSTRUCTIO: ANSWER QUESTION 1 AND 3 OTHERS (QUESTION 1
CARRIES 25 MARKS)**

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

1. The conferment of the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) by the Legal Practitioners' Privileges Committee is guided by established criteria. Discuss at least five (5) of these criteria, explaining their significance in the selection process. 25 marks
2. Interpretation of statutes is a crucial function of the courts. Explain **four** key rules of statutory interpretation and their application in judicial decision-making.
15 marks
3. What is judicial precedent? Explain the following concepts made by judges in the course of delivering judgment such as: Ratio decidendi and Obiter dictum.
15 marks
4. List and briefly explain five major schools of jurisprudence, highlighting their philosophy and contributions to legal theory. 15 marks
5. Discuss the four methods of initiating civil matters before the High Court of Justice, highlighting the procedures and requirements for each method. 15 marks
6. Describe the role and functions of courts in Nigeria, emphasizing their contribution to the administration of justice and the protection of legal rights.
15 marks.