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NLLB525: ELECTORAL LAW AND PROCESSES IN ZIMBABWE

END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3HRS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write legibly.
2. Answer **ALL** questions.
3. Refer to **RELEVANT** authorities to support your answers.
4. You may start with any question.

QUESTION 1

A wide variety of electoral systems exist, but these may be placed into two main categories.

- (a) Distinguish between these two categories and outline the advantages and disadvantages of each. **[15 Marks]**
- (b) Discuss the electoral systems applicable at the Presidential and Parliamentary levels in Zimbabwe. **[10 Marks]**

QUESTION 2

The President has a host of functions in relation to the electoral process which makes him one of the key “institutions” involved in elections. Evaluate the implications of the President's multifaceted role in the electoral process, considering that he often competes in these elections against his challengers.

How does this duality affect electoral integrity, the neutrality of electoral institutions, and public perceptions of fairness? **[25 Marks]**

QUESTION 3

Explore the role of political parties in Zimbabwe in addressing the marginalization of women in accessing and enjoying political rights. **[25 Marks]**

QUESTION 4

Why should courts and the unelected judges who staff them have the power to strike down the decisions of a democratic legislature and a democratic and representative government?

[25 Marks]

TOTAL MARKS: 100

END OF QUESTION PAPER