***NAME: PHILIP-UGBODAGA OMOKHOSE VANESSA***

***MATRIC NUMBER: 19/MHS01/384***

***DEPARTMENT: MBBS***

***CITIZENS ROLES IN A DEMOCRACY***

The term citizen has an inherently political meaning that implies a certain type of relationship between the people and the government. Citizens have a set of rights and responsibilities, including the right to participate in decisions that affect public welfare.in ancient Rome, it was considered a privileged status to be called a citizen because the status was not accorded to all inhabitants of the Roman Empire .citizenship of a state maybe acquired either by birth or by naturalization Citizens play an important role in democracy. There would probably be no democracy without the co-operation and commitment of citizens. Citizens have duty in a democracy of ensuring their rights are preserved by challenging government when it errs. Sovereignty resided in and flows from the people in a democracy. The authority of government likewise derives from the will of the people in their choice of these systems, and the people have a right to take part in their government, including through genuine elections to elections to determine who will legitimately occupy government offices. For democracy to deliver, citizens must become informed about issues that can improve their lives. To be informed, citizens need accurate and timely information, particularly government- held information. Access to information is essential to an informed citizenry. That is why transparency is a necessity for democracy. Speaking of democracy, the concept of democracy, like many other political concepts first originated from ancient Greece where in the city states, citizens were free to meet frequently in assemblies which had the power to make laws. The foundation for famous formulation that democratic government is “of the people, by the people and for the people” by the universal declaration of human rights. In essence, they mean just that: governments belongs to the people; governmental processes belong to the people; and elections belongs to the people. There is no democracy without engagement of citizens. Engagament is thus both a right and a responsibility of the citizens. While the state provides rights and liberties, all citizens have duties to the state. Democratic citizens recognizes that they not only have rights, they also have responsibilities. Democratic citizens recognizes that democracy requires an investment of time and hard work. Democratic citizens know that they must bear the burden of responsibility for their society if they are to benefit from its protection of their rights. For democracy to succeed, citizens must be active, not passive, because they know that the success or failure of the government is their responsibility, and no on else’s. A positive attitude should be maintained with the development of the state being their priority