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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

This syllabus aims at assessing the candidates' ability to

(a) define the concepts of Government and show their understanding of its principles, institutions and processes.

(b) recognize their role as an informed citizens and their contributions towards the achievement of national development.

(c) evaluate the successes, failures and problems of governments in West Africa.

(d) analyse the constitutional developments and processes of colonial and post independent government.

(e) appreciate the role of their country as a member of the international community.

SCHEME OF THE EXAMINATIONS

Read Also

List of All Federal Universities in Nigeria and Date of Establishment

There will be two papers – Paper 1 and Paper 2, both of which must be taken. Papers 1 and 2 will be composite and will be taken at one sitting.

PAPER 1: This will consist of fifty multiple-choice objective questions drawn from the entire syllabus. Candidates will be required to answer all the questions in 1 hour for 40 marks.

PAPER 2: This will be a 2-hour essay type test consisting of two sections, Sections A and B as follows:

Section A: Elements of Government

Shall contain five questions out of which candidates shall be required to attempt any two.

Section B: Political and Constitutional Developments in West Africa and International Relations

Shall contain sets of five questions each; one set for one member country. Each candidate is to answer two questions chosen from the set on the country in which he/she is taking the examination.

The paper shall carry 60 marks.

DETAILED SYLLABUS (WAEC SYLLABUS FOR GOVERNMENT)

Full details of the WAEC syllabus for government.

SECTION A: ELEMENTS OF GOVERNMENT

1. MEANING AND SCOPE OF THE SUBJECT MATTER – GOVERNMENT

Government as an institution of the state. Definition of state, features, structure and functions.

Government as a process or art or governing.

Government as an academic field of study – reasons for studying government.

2. BASIC CONCEPTS AND PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNMENT

(i) Basic concepts

State

*Society

*Nation

Power

Authority

Legitimacy

Sovereignty

Democracy

Political Culture and Socialization

Communalism

Feudalism

oligarchy

*Liberalism

Socialism

Communism

Capitalism

Fascism

Aristocracy

Totalitarianism

Meaning and features.

(ii) Basic principles

Rule of Law

Fundamental Human Rights

Separation of Powers/Checks and Balances

Constitutionalism

Political participation

Representative Government

Centralization and Decentralization – (Delegated Legislation, Devolution and Decentralization).

3. CONSTITUTIONS

Definition and Sources

Functions

Types and Features, (Written and Unwritten, Rigid and Flexible).

4. ORGANS OF GOVERNMENT

The Executive

The Legislature

The Judiciary - Judicial Independence. (Types, Structure, Composition/membership; Functions; powers and limitations).

5. STATE STRUCTURE AND CHARACTERISTICS OF GOVERNMENT

Types – Unitary, Federal, Confederal, Presidential or Non-parliamentary,

Parliamentary or Cabinet, Monarchical and Republican.

Meaning, types, features, merits and demerits.

6. CITIZENSHIP

Meaning

mode of acquisition

rights

duties and obligations of individuals in the state

Means of safeguarding rights of citizens.

7. POLITICAL PARTIES AND PARTY SYSTEMS

(i) Political Parties

definition

organization/structure and

functions.

(ii) Party Systems

definition

types, merits and demerits.

8. PRESSURE GROUPS, PUBLIC OPINION AND MASS MEDIA

(i) Pressure Groups

definition

types

mode of operation and functions;

(ii) Public opinion

definition

formation

Measurement and importance;

(iii) Mass Media

definition

roles

impact

9. THE ELECTORAL SYSTEMS, PROCESSES AND ELECTORAL MANAGEMENT BODY

(a) Electoral Systems and Processes

(i) Election

Meaning and purpose of elections.

(ii) Franchise

meaning, and limitations.

(iii) Types, advantages and disadvantages of Electoral Systems.

(b) Electoral Management Body

definition

function

problems/constrains.

10. PUBLIC/CIVIL SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

(i) Public/Civil Service

Meaning

Structure

Characteristics and

Functions.

(ii) Public/Civil Service Commission

meaning

Functions.

(iii) Public Corporations

definition

purposes

functions

control

challenges

need for commercialization and privatization.

(iv) Local Governments

Meaning

structure

Purposes

Functions

Sources of revenue

control and problems

SECTION B: POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN WEST AFRICA AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

11. PRE-COLONIAL POLITICAL SYSTEM OF CANDIDATES' RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES

IMPORTANT: Under this topic 11, read the one related to the country where you will take your WAEC exams.

The Structural Organization of the following

(a) Nigeria

Hausa/Fulani

the Yoruba

the Igbo.

(b) Ghana

The Akan

The Talensi.

(c) Sierra Leone

The Mende

Temme.

(d) The Gambia

The Wolof

Mandingo

Jola.

(e) Liberia

The Vai

The Kru.

12. COLONIAL ADMINISTRATION

(i) The Policy and Structure of the British Colonial Administration

Crown Colony

Protectorate

Indirect Rule.

(ii) The Policy of French Colonial Administration

Assimilation and Association (Loi Cadre).

(iii) Impact, Advantages and disadvantages of Colonial Rule.

13. NATIONALISM IN CANDIDATES' RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES

(i) Nationalism

Meaning

factors

effects.

(ii) Key Nationalist leaders/movements and their contributions.

14. CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN CANDIDATES' RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES

IMPORTANT: Under this topic 14, read the one related to the country where you will take your WAEC exams.

(i) Pre-Independence Constitutions

(a) Nigeria (features) – Clifford 1922 Richards 1946 Macpherson 1951 Littleton 1954

(b) Ghana (features, merits and demerits) – Clifford 1916 Guggisberg 1925 Burns 1946 Arden Clarke 1951 Nkrumah 1954

(c) Sierra Leone (features, merits and demerits) – Slatter 1924 Stevenson 1947 Beresford Stooke 1951 The 1956 and 1958 Constitutions.

(d) The Gambia (features, merits and demerits) – The 1947, 1951, 1954, 1960, 1962 and 1963 Constitutions.

(ii) Post-Independence Constitutions – Features

(a) Nigeria – Independence Constitution, 1960 Republican Constitution 1963 The 1979 and 1989 Constitutions 1999 Constitution – Origin, features, strength and Weaknesses.

(b) Ghana – Independence Constitution, 1957 Republican Constitution 1960 2nd Republican Constitution 1969 3rd Republican Constitution 1979 4th Republican Constitutions 1992.

(c) Sierra Leone – Independence Constitution 1961 Republican Constitution 1971 The 1978 and 1991 Constitutions,

(d) The Gambia – Independence Constitution 1965 Republican Constitution 1970. 2nd Republican Constitution 1997

(e) Liberia – Independence/Republican Constitution 1947 2nd Republican Constitution 1985

15. DEVELOPMENT OF MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE CANDIDATES' RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES

IMPORTANT: Under this topic 15, read the one related to the country where you will take your WAEC exams.

– Nigeria – Sierra Leone – The Gambia – Liberia Formation, Objectives, Sources of Finance, Achievements and Failures

16. MILITARY RULE IN THE CANDIDATES' RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES.

IMPORTANT: Under this topic 16, read the one related to the country where you will take your WAEC exams.

– Nigeria – Ghana; – Sierra Leone – The Gambia – Liberia Causes, effects and various military regimes.

17. FEDERAL/UNITARY SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENT IN WEST AFRICA

IMPORTANT: Under this topic 17, read the one related to the country where you will take your WAEC exams.

Nigeria – Sierra Leone – The Gambia – Liberia Origin, Factors, Structure, Features and Problems

18. FOREIGN POLICIES OF THE CANDIDATES' RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES

IMPORTANT: Under this topic 18, read the one related to the country where you will take your WAEC exams.

– Nigeria – Ghana – Sierra Leone – The Gambia – Liberia Definitions, Factors, objectives, advantages and disadvantages.

19. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The United Nations Organizations (UNO)

The Commonwealth of Nations Union (AU) – NEPAD, The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). Origin, aims/objectives, achievements and problems.

GOVERNMENT TEXTBOOKS SUGGESTED BY WASSCE FOR 2021/2022

Ghana Evolution and Change in the 19th and 20th Centuries by ADU BOAHEN, A

Ghana and the Rawlings Factor by SHILLINGTON K.

African Political Parties by HODGKIN T.

Foreign Policies of Major Countries, Subject Publications, New Delhi by GARBRAH H. K.

Senior Secondary School Government Bks. 1&2 by ADDAE P. G.

A – ONE in Government by NOFIU S. O. A.

Modern Government by ECHIEFU S. M

The Substance of Politics by APPADORAI A.

Political Institutions in West Africa by PRICE J. H.

Political Studies by LEEDS C. A.

Groundwork of Government in West Africa by AMOA G. Y.

A Textbook of Government for Senior Secondary School by DARE AND OYEWOLE

Government for Senior Secondary School. by OYEDIRAN AND CO.

Essentials of Government by FRANCIS ADIGWE

Politics in Ghana 1946-1960 by DENNIS AUSTIN

Government for Senior Secondary School by PRAH ISAAC