

SECOND TERM E-LEARNING NOTE

SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT

CLASS: SS2

SCHEME OF WORK

WEEK TOPIC

1. Colonialism- Both Positive and Negative Impacts.
2. Nationalism- Meaning, Factors that Led to the Rise and Growth of Nationalist Movement in West Africa.
3. Nationalism- Factors that Increased Nationalist Demand after World War 11, Factors Responsible for Slow Nationalist Activities in French West Africa Colonies.
4. Constitutional Development in Nigeria- The Nigerian council of 1914, The National Congress of British West Africa.
5. Clifford Constitution of 1922- Features, Merits and Demerits; Richard's Constitution of 1946- Features, Objectives, Achievement, Weakness and Criticism.
6. The Macpherson Constitution of 1951- Features, Achievements and Weakness; London and Lagos Constitutional Conference of 1953 and 1954 Respectively.
7. Littleton's Constitution of 1954- Features, Achievements, Weakness.
8. London Constitutional Conference of 1957 and Lagos Constitutional Conference of 1958.
9. Independence Constitution of 1960- Features, Achievements and Weakness.
10. Republican Constitution of 1963- Features, Merits and Demerits.
11. The Second Republican Constitution of 1979- Historical Background, Features, Merits and Demerits;the Differences between 1963 and 1979 Constitution.
12. Revision and Examination.

REFERENCE

- Essential Government by C.C. Dibia.
- Comprehensive Government by J.U. Anyaele.

WEEK ONE

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TOPIC: COLONIALISM IN AFRICA

CONTENT

1. Positive Impact of Colonialism.
2. Negative Impact of Colonialism.

POSITIVE IMPACT OF COLONIALISM

- Military and Technical Aid: Some formal colonial territories especially the French territories, received military and technical aid from their former colonial masters.
- Development of political parties: One of the positive impacts of colonialism was the development of Political Parties. These political parties facilitated the struggle for political independence.
- Common Language: Colonialism promoted the development of common languages among colonial territories: English by those colonized by Britain and French by those colonized by France.
- Uniform Civil Service: The civil service was developed along with that of the British and the French system.
- Common Legal System: There was the development of a common legal system among the colonial territory.

- Development of Infrastructure: Facilities such as roads, railway and electricity were developed to ensure effective administration.
- Emergence of New Elites: Colonialism led to the development of a new set of elites based on educational achievement and political exposure.
- Exposure to Western Education: Colonialism provided access to new form of education which opened more opportunities for Africans.
- Common Central Bank: With the exception of Guinea, the formal French territories in West Africa had a common Central bank issuing a common currency.

EVALUATION QUESTIONS

- How has education contributed to the achievement of independence in West Africa?
- Mention five positive impact of colonialism in West Africa.

NEGATIVE IMPACT OF COLONIALISM

- Economic Dependence and Exploitation: Africa was being exploited by capital produced by African labour. The colonial masters carried the wealth of West Africa to their home countries thereby impoverishing West Africa.
- Means of Communication: The means of communication were not...