

FIRST TERM EXAMINATION

NIGERIA HISTORY

CLASS: JSS1 TIME: 1 HOUR TOTAL: 30 MARKS

SECTION A: OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS (20 MARKS)

Instruction: Answer all questions. Choose the correct answer from options A–D.

1. History is the study of _____.
A. future events only B. past human events and experiences C. mathematics D. living things only
2. One importance of studying history is that it helps us to _____.
A. forget our culture B. understand our past C. avoid education D. stop learning
3. History helps Nigerians develop a sense of _____.
A. hatred B. division C. identity and belonging D. dishonesty
4. Which of the following is a source of Nigerian history?
A. Oral tradition B. Guesswork C. Rumours without evidence D. Imagination alone
5. Stories passed down from one generation to another by word of mouth are called _____.
A. written sources B. oral sources C. printed sources D. foreign sources
6. Which is an example of a written source of history?
A. A government document B. A dance performance C. A folktale told orally D. A traditional greeting
7. Man-made objects used by people in the past are known as _____.
A. languages B. artifacts C. festivals D. legends
8. The scientific study of material remains of past human activities is called _____.
A. geography B. archaeology C. biology D. economics
9. Which is an importance of history?
A. Promoting national unity B. Encouraging conflict C. Destroying cultural values D. Promoting ignorance
10. Nigeria is made up of many _____.
A. ethnic groups B. continents C. oceans D. planets
11. Which is one of the three major ethnic groups in Nigeria?
A. Yoruba B. French C. Chinese D. German
12. The three major ethnic groups in Nigeria are Hausa-Fulani, Yoruba and _____.
A. Tiv B. Igbo C. Kanuri D. Nupe
13. The Hausa language is mainly associated with the _____ people.
A. Hausa B. Yoruba C. Igbo D. Ijaw
14. The Yoruba people are mainly found in _____ Nigeria.
A. Southwestern B. Northeastern C. Northwestern D. Southeastern
15. The Igbo people are mainly associated with _____ Nigeria.
A. Southeastern B. Northwestern C. Northeastern D. Southwestern
16. Which is the major language of the Yoruba people?
A. Fulfulde B. Yoruba C. Kanuri D. Tiv
17. Which language is mainly spoken by the Igbo people?
A. Igbo B. Hausa C. Yoruba D. Fulfulde
18. The official language of Nigeria is _____.
A. Igbo B. Yoruba C. English D. Hausa
19. Nigerian Pidgin is widely used to help people from different ethnic groups _____.
A. communicate B. avoid one another C. forget their languages D. create conflict

20. One benefit of Nigeria's ethnic and language diversity is that it promotes _____.
A. cultural richness B. disunity only C. hatred D. ignorance

SECTION B: THEORY QUESTIONS (9 MARKS)

Instruction: Answer any THREE questions. Each question carries 3 marks.

1. (a) Define history. (1 mark)
(b) State two importance of studying history. (2 marks)
2. Mention three sources of Nigerian history. (3 marks)
3. (a) Name the three major ethnic groups in Nigeria. (1½ marks)
(b) State the main location of any two. (1½ marks)
4. (a) Mention three languages spoken by major ethnic groups in Nigeria. (1½ marks)
(b) State two importance of language diversity. (1½ marks)
5. (a) Explain oral sources of history. (1 mark)
(b) Give two examples. (2 marks)

BONUS: 1 free mark. Total = 30 marks.