

FIRST TERM EXAMINATION

NIGERIA HISTORY

CLASS: JSS2 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. Nigeria gained independence from British colonial rule on _____.
A. 1 October 1959 B. 1 October 1960 C. 1 January 1960 D. 1 October 1963
2. The country that granted Nigeria independence was _____.
A. France B. Portugal C. Britain D. Germany
3. Nigeria became independent in the year _____.
A. 1957 B. 1958 C. 1960 D. 1963
4. Who was Nigeria's Prime Minister at independence?
A. Nnamdi Azikiwe B. Abubakar Tafawa Balewa C. Ahmadu Bello D. Obafemi Awolowo
5. Who was Nigeria's Governor-General at independence?
A. Nnamdi Azikiwe B. Yakubu Gowon C. Aguiyi-Ironsi D. Murtala Muhammed
6. Before becoming a republic in 1963, Nigeria was a member of the _____.
A. European Union B. Commonwealth C. African Union D. United Nations only
7. Nigeria became a republic in _____.
A. 1960 B. 1961 C. 1963 D. 1966
8. One important event that took place on 1 October 1960 was the _____.
A. beginning of the Civil War B. declaration of Nigerian independence C. first military coup D. creation of states
9. A military coup is the _____.
A. peaceful election of a president B. sudden seizure of government power, usually by the military C. appointment of a traditional ruler D. celebration of independence
10. The first military coup in Nigeria took place in January _____.
A. 1960 B. 1963 C. 1966 D. 1970
11. The January 1966 coup took place on _____.
A. 1 January 1966 B. 15 January 1966 C. 29 May 1966 D. 1 October 1966
12. One factor that contributed to the January 1966 coup was _____.
A. political instability B. the discovery of the internet C. the end of the Civil War D. the creation of the African Union
13. Another factor associated with the January 1966 coup was _____.
A. allegations of corruption among political leaders B. the abolition of all schools C. Nigeria's independence D. the introduction of smartphones
14. The January 1966 coup ended Nigeria's _____.
A. First Republic B. Second Republic C. Third Republic D. Fourth Republic
15. After the January 1966 coup, Major-General Johnson Aguiyi-Ironsi became _____.
A. Prime Minister B. Head of State C. Governor-General D. President of Ghana
16. The Nigerian Civil War began in _____.
A. 1960 B. 1963 C. 1966 D. 1967
17. The Nigerian Civil War lasted from 1967 to _____.
A. 1968 B. 1969 C. 1970 D. 1971
18. The secessionist state that fought against the Nigerian government during the Civil War was called _____.
A. Biafra B. Ghana C. Dahomey D. Niger
19. One major cause of the Nigerian Civil War was _____.
A. ethnic and political tensions B. the invention of television C. the establishment of universities alone D. the introduction of the naira
20. The Nigerian Civil War ended in January _____.
A. 1967 B. 1968 C. 1969 D. 1970

SECTION B: THEORY QUESTIONS (9 MARKS)

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

1. (a) State the date Nigeria gained independence. (1 mark)
(b) Name Nigeria's Prime Minister at independence. (1 mark)
(c) Name Nigeria's Governor-General at independence. (1 mark)
2. State three important facts about Nigeria's independence on 1 October 1960. (3 marks)
3. Mention three causes of the January 1966 military coup in Nigeria. (3 marks)
4. (a) State the years in which the Nigerian Civil War began and ended. (1 mark)
(b) Name the secessionist state involved. (1 mark)
(c) State one cause of the war. (1 mark)
5. Explain three factors that contributed to the outbreak of the Nigerian Civil War. (3 marks)

BONUS: 1 free mark. Total = 30 marks.