HISTORY

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The aim of the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) syllabus in History is to prepare the candidates for the Board's examinations. It is designed to test their achievement of the course objectives, which are to:

- 1. impart knowledge of Nigerian history from earliest times to the present;
- 2. identify the similarities and relationships among the peoples of Nigeria as they relate to the issues of national unity and integration;
- 3. appreciate Nigerian history as the basis to understand West African and African history;
- 4. apply history to understand Nigerian and Africa's relationship with the wider world;
- 5. analyse issues of modernization and development;
- 6. relate the past to the present and plan for the future.

DETAILED SYLLABUS

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SECTION A: THE NIGERIA AREA UP TO 1800	
 1. Land and Peoples of the Nigeria Area: a. Geographical zones and the people. b. The people's relationship with the environment c. Relations and integration among the peoples of different zones. 2. Early Centres of Civilization: a. Nok, Daima, Ife, Benin, Igbo Ukwu and Iwo Eleru b. Monuments and shelter systems: (Kuyambana, Durbi-ta-Kusheyi, city walls and palaces) 	Candidates should be able to: i. identify the geographical zones and the people within them; ii. establish the relationship between the people and the environment iii. Comprehend the relationships among the various peoples of the Nigeria area. Candidates should be able to: i. examine the significance of various centres; ii. establish the historical significance of the various monuments such as caves and rocky formations;
 3. Origin and formation of States in the Nigeria Area a. Central Sudan – Kanuri and Hausa, states. b. Niger-Benue Valley – Nupe, Jukun, Igala, Idoma, Tiv and Ebira c. Eastern Forest Belt – Igbo and Ibibio 	 Candidates should be able to: i. relate the different groups of people occupying the various zones to their traditions of origin; ii. determine the inter-state relations; iii. account for their social and political organizations.

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_	d. Western Forest Belt – Yoruba and Edo	
	e. Coastal and Niger–Delta - Efik, Ijo, Itsekiri and Urhobo	
	 i. Factors influencing their origin and migration ii. Social and political organizations iii. Inter-State relations, religion war and peace. 	
4.	Economic Activities and Growth of States:	Candidates should be able to:
a.	Agriculture – hunting, farming, fishing, animal husbandry and horticulture.	identify the various economic activities of the people;
b.	Industries – pottery, salt-making, iron- smelting, blacksmithing, leather-working, wood-carving, cloth-making, dyeing and	ii. differentiate the economic activities and specialties of the people;
	food processing.	iii. relate trade and other economic activities to the growth of the states.
c.	Trade and trade routes:- local, regional, long distance, including trans-Sahara trade.	states.
d.	Expansion of states.	
5.	External Influences: a. North Africans/Arabs i. introduction, spread and impact of Islam; ii. trans-Saharan trade. b. Europeans: i. early European trade with the	 i. assess the impact of the contact with North Africa on the people and states South of the Sahara. ii. examine the impact of early European contact with the coastal people;
	coastal states. ii. the trans-Atlantic slave trade (origin, organization and impact)	iii. trace the origin, organization and impact of the trans-Atlantic slave trade.
SECT 1.	TON B: THE NIGERIA AREA 1800 – 1900 The Sokoto Caliphate	Candidates should be able to: i. examine the causes, and the processes of the Jihad;
1.	The Sokoto Camphate The Sokoto Jihad – (causes, courses and consequence)	i. examine the causes, and the processes of the Jihad;ii. determine the factors that led to the rise of the caliphate;
	a. The causes and the process of the jihadb. The establishment and administration of	iii. examine the administrative set-up of the caliphate and its relations with its neighbours;
	the caliphate and relations with neighbours	iv. examine the impact of the caliphate;
	c. The achievements and impact of the caliphate.	v. trace the internal and external factors that led to the collapse of the caliphate.
	d. The collapse of the caliphate.	-
2.	Kanem-Bornoa. The collapse of the Saifawa dynastyb. Borno under the Shehusc. Borno under Rabeh	Candidates should be able to: i. determine the factors that led to the collapse of the Saifawa dynasty; ii. examine Borno under the administration of the Shehus; iii. assess the role of Rabeh in Borno's history.

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3.	Yorubaland: a. The fall of the Old Oyo Empire b. The Yoruba wars and their impact c. The peace treaty of 1886 and its aftermath	Candidates should be able to: i. examine the causes of the fall of the Old Oyo; ii. examine the causes and effects of the Yoruba wars: iii. assess the impact of the 1886 peace treaty.
4.	Benina. Internal political developmentb. Relations with neighboursc. Relations with the Europeans	Candidates should be able to: i. examine the internal political development; ii. examine her relations with her neighbours; iii. assess her relationship with the Europeans.
5.	Nupea. Internal political developmentb. Relations with neighbours.	i. examine Nupe internal political development.ii. assess her relations with her neighbours.
6.	Igboa. Internal political developmentb. Relations with neighbours.	i. examine Igbo internal political development.ii. assess her relations with her neighbours.
7.	Efik a. Internal political development b. Relations with neighbours.	 i. examine Efik internal political development. ii. assess her relations with her neighbours.
8.	 European Penetration and Impact: a. European exploration of the interior. b. The suppression of the trans-Atlantic slave trade. c. The development of commodity trade and rise of consular authority. d. Christian missionary activities. 	Candidates should be able to: i. examine the motive for the exploration of the interior. ii. give reasons for the suppression of the trans-Atlantic slave trade; iii. trace the development of commodity trade; iv. examine missionary and European activities in the area; v. assess the activities of the European trading companies vi. account for the rise of consular authority.
9.	 e. The activities of the trading companies. f. Impact of European activities on the coast and the hinterland. British Conquest of the Nigeria Area: a. Motives for the conquest b. Methods of the conquest and its result. c. Resistance to and aftermath of the conquest. 	Candidates should be able to: i. determine the reasons for the conquest and the methods used ii. examine the various resistance to the conquest iii. evaluate the results and the aftermath of the conquest.
SEC	CTION C: NIGERIA 1900 – 1960 The Establishment of Colonial Rule up to 1914:	Candidates should be able to: i. examine the administrative set-up of the protectorates;
	a. Administration of the protectorates	

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2.	The	e Amalgamation of 1914:	Candidates should be able to:
	a.	Reasons	i. examine the reasons for the 1914 Amalgamation and its effects.
	b.	Effects	and its circus.
3.	Col	lonial Administration After the	Candidates should be able to:
	Am	nalgamation:	
	a.	Central Administration:- Legislative	i. relate the composition of the central administrative
	_	and Executive Councils	set-up to its consequences;
	b.	Indirect Rule – reasons, working and	ii. identify the reasons for the introduction and
		effects	workings of the indirect rule system; iii. assess the effects of indirect rule;
	c.	Local administrative institutions, Native	iii. assess the effects of indirect rule; iv. examine the local administrative units.
	C.	Authorities, Native Courts and Native	iv. examine the local administrative units.
		Treasuries.	v. account for the anti-colonial movements and their
			significance.
	d.	Resistance to colonial rule – Ekumeku	-
		Movement in Asaba hinterland 1898 –	
		1911, the Satiru uprising 1906, Egba and	
		the Anti-tax Agitation 1918, and the Aba Women Movement in 1929.	
		women wovement in 1929.	
4.	iv.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Candidates should be able to:
	a.	currency, taxation and forced labour	i. examine the nature of the economy as it affects taxation.
	b.	Infrastructure (transportation, post and	currency, infrastructures, agriculture, mining, industry,
		telecommunication)	
	c.	Agriculture	commerce and banking.
	d.	Mining	
	e.	Industry	
	f.	Commerce	
	g.	Banking.	
5.	Soc	cial Development under Colonial Rule:	
		***	Candidates should be able to:
	a.	Western education	i. identify the areas of social development under colonial rule
	b.	Urbanization/social integration	
	C.	Improvement unions	ii. examine the impact of urbanization on the people;
	d.	Health institutions	iii. examine the level of social integration among the people.
6.		tionalism, Constitutional Developments	
		I Independence:	Candidates should be able to:
	a.	The rise of nationalist movements;	
	b.	The 1922 Clifford Constitution and the	i. trace the emergence of the nationalist movement;
		rise of Nigeria's first political party.	
			ii. assess the roles of the different constitutions in
	c.	World War II and the agitation for	constitutional development;
		independence	
	a	The Dichards Constitution of 1046	iii. examine the effect of World War II in the agitation for
	d.	The Richards Constitution of 1946	independence and the constitutional developments;
	e.	The Macpherson Constitution of 1951.	
	٥.	The Macpherson Constitution of 1951.	iv trace the development of party politics and its impact on
			regionalism and minority question;
	f.	Party politics – regionalism, federalism	

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	g. Lyttleton Constitution of 1954.	v. examine the impact of the constitutional conferences.
	h. constitutional conferences in Lagos in 1957 and London in 1958	vi. determine the factors that aided the attainment of independence;
	i. The general elections of 1959 and independence in 1960.	
1	SECTION D: NIGERIA SINCE INDEPENDENCE The politics of the First Populities and	
1.	The politics of the First Republic and Military intervention	
	a. Struggle for the control of the centre;	Candidates should be able to:
	b. Issue of revenue allocation	Candidates should be able to.
	c. Minority question	i. give reasons behind the struggle for the control of the centre;
	d. The 1962/63 census controversies	ii. account for the controversies in revenue allocation;
	e. The Action Group crisis and the General Elections of 1964/65.	iii. account for the controversies generated by the minority question and the creation of states; iv. account for the controversies generated by the 1962/63 census;
	f. The coup d'etat of January 1966 and the Ironsi Regime.	v. examine the problems created by the Action Group crisis and the General Elections of 1964/65;
2.	The Civil War:	vi. assess the significance of military intervention and the Ironsi Regime.
	Cause and effects a. Causes	Candidates should be able to i. examine the remote and immediate causes of the war;
	b. Course	ii. examine the course;
	c. Effects	iii. assess the effects of the war;
3.	The Gowon Regime.	
4.	Murtala/Obasanjo Regime	Candidates should be able to i. assess the challenges and achievements of the Gowon Regime.
5.	The Second Republic	Candidates should be able to: i. assess the challenges and achievements of the Murtala/Obasanjo Regime;
6.	The Buhari Regime	Candidates should be able to: i. evaluate the challenges and achievements of the Second Republic.
7.	The Babangida Regime	Candidates should be able to: i. assess the challenges and achievements of the Buhari Regime.

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8. The Interim National Government (ING)9. The Abacha Regime	Candidates should be able to: i. assess the challenges and achievements of the Babangida Regime; Candidates should be able to: i. examine the role and challenges of the Interim National Government.
	Candidates should be able to: i. assess the challenges and achievements of the Abacha Regime. Candidates should be able to: i. assess challenges and achievements of the Abdulsalami Regime;
 10. Nigeria in International Organizations; a. Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), b. African Union (AU) c. Commonwealth of Nations d. Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) e. United Nations Organization f. The role of Nigeria in Conflict Resolution. PART II: AFRICA AND THE WIDER WORLD SINCE 1800	Candidates should be able to: i. examine the role of Nigeria in ECOWAS ii. assess the role of Nigeria in the AU iii. evaluate the role of Nigeria in the Common Wealth of Nations iv. assess the role of Nigeria in the OPEC v. examine the role of Nigeria in the UN vi. examine the role of Nigeria in conflict resolutions in the Congo, Chad, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea and the Sudan.
SECTION A: WEST AND NORTH AFRICA 1. Islamic Reform Movements and State	
Building in West Africa:a. Relationship between Sokoto and other Jihads.	Candidates should be able to:i. establish the relationship between the Sokoto Jihad and other Jihads in West Africa:
b. The Jihads of Seku Ahmadu and Al-Hajj Umarc. The activities of Samori Toure	ii. compare the achievements of the Jihads of Seku Ahmadu and Al-Hajj Umar.
2. Sierra Leone, Liberia and Christian Missionary Activities in West Africa	iii. examine the activities of Samori Toure of the Madinka Empire.
a. The foundation of Sierra Leone and Liberia and the spread of Christianity	i. determine the factors that led to the founding of Sierra Leone and Liberia;
b. The activities and impact of Christian missionaries.	ii. examine the importance of Sierra Leone and Liberia in the spread and impact of Christianity in West Africa.
3. Egypt under Mohammed Ali and Khedive Ismail:	iii. assess the impact of Christian missionary activities in West Africa.
a. The rise of Mohammad Ali and his reforms	i. determine the factors that aided Mohammad Ali's rise to power and his reforms;

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b. Mohammad Ali's relations with the Europeans c. Ismail's fiscal policies d. The British occupation of Egypt 4. The Mahdi and Mahdiyya Movement in the Sudan a. Causes b. Course c. Consequences SECTION B: EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA	 ii. establish the relationship between Mohammad Ali's Empire and the Europeans; iii. account for the fiscal policies of Ismail; iv. examine the reasons for the British occupation of Egypt. Candidates should be able to: i. examine the causes, the course and consequences of the Mahdiyya Movement in the Sudan
The Omani Empire a. The rise of the Omani Empire	Candidates should be able to: i. determine the factors that led to the rise of the Omani Empire;
b. The empire's commercial and political relations with the coast and the hinterland.	ii. assess the establishment of commercial and political relations between the Omani Empire, the coast and the hinterland.
c. The Empire's relations with the Europeans	iii. examine the relationship that existed between the Omani Empire and the Europeans.
2. Ethiopia in the 19 th century	
a. The rise of Theodore II and his attempt at the unification of Ethiopia	i. examine the factors that led to the rise of Theodore II as the Emperor of Ethiopia;
b. Menelik II and Ethiopian independence.	ii. analyse the strategies that were adopted to achieve Ethiopian unification.
3. The Mfecane: a. The rise of the Zulu Nation b. Causes, Course and consequences of the Mfecane	 iii. assess the role of Menelik II in the maintenance of Ethiopian independence Candidates should be able to: i. trace events in Nguniland before the Mfecane; ii. determine the factors that led to the rapid rise of Shaka. iii. examine the causes, course and consequences of the Mfecane.
4. The Great Trek	Candidates should be able to:
 a. The frontier wars b. British intervention in the Boer African relations c. The Great Trek and its consequences. 	 i. determine the factors that led to the frontier wars; ii. account for British intervention in the Boer-African relations; iii. describe the nature of the Great Trek; iv. examine its consequences.

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SECTION C: IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM AND PROBLEMS OF NATION- BUILDING IN AFRICA		
1.	The New Imperialism and European Occupation of Africa	Candidates should be able to:
	 a. The New Imperialism in Africa b. European scramble for Africa c. The Berlin Conference d. The occupation and resistance by Africans. 	 i. assess the causes of the New Imperialism ii. examine the causes of the scramble; iii. account for the significance of the Berlin Conference; iv. examine African resistance to the occupation.
2.	Patterns of Colonial Rule in Africa:	Candidates should be able to:
	a. The British	i. examine and compare the patterns of colonial rule by the
	b. The French	various European powers.
	c. The Portuguese	
	d. The Belgians	
3.	The Politics of Decolonization	Candidates should be able to:
	a. Colonial policies and African discontent	i. examine the policies employed by the colonial masters and the magnitude of African discontent;
	b. The impact of the two world wars	ii. assess the impact of the First and Second World Wars on
	c. Nationalist activities and the emergence of political parties and associations	African nationalism;
	d. Strategies for attaining independence	iii. determine the strategies used in the attainment of independence.
4.	Apartheid in South Africa	Candidates should be able to:
	a. The origin of apartheid	i. trace the origin of apartheid in South Africa;
	b. Rise of Afrikaner nationalism	ii. give reasons for the rise of Afrikaner nationalism;
	c. Enactment of apartheid laws	iii. evaluate apartheid laws;
	d. Internal reaction and the suppression of African nationalist movements	iv. relate the internal reactions to apartheid to the African struggle for majority rule;
	e. External reaction to apartheid, the Frontline States, the Commonwealth of Nations, OAU and the UN.	v. relate the contributions of African states and international organizations to the fight against apartheid;
	f. The dismantling of apartheid	vi. identify the steps taken towards the dismantling of apartheid in South Africa
	g. Post-apartheid development	vii. assess the post-apartheid development in South Africa.
5.	Problems of Nation-building in Africa	Candidates should be able to:
	a. Political and economic challenges and constraints	 i. examine the political and economic problems faced by African countries in nation-building; ii. assess the effects of natural disasters on Africa
	b. Physical and environmental challenges	iii. determine the role of ethnic and religious problems in Africa;

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c. Ethnic and religious pluralism	iv. examine the role of the military in African politics;
d. Military intervention and political instability.	v. examine the role of neo-colonialism in Africa;vi. assess the problems of boundary disputes;
e. Neo-colonialism and under -development.	vii. establish the relationship between civil wars and refugee problems in Africa
f. Boundary disputes and threat to African unity	problems in randa
g. Civil wars and the refugee problem.	

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