## **HOME ECONOMICS**

# **GENERAL OBJECTIVES**

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

- 1. Acquire knowledge on the concepts and principles of Home Economics education;
- 2. Apply the principles of Foods and Nutrition to planning, selection and preparation of meals and the adoption of food hygiene and safety;
- 3. Equip students with knowledge and skills in Clothing and Textiles;
- 4. Apply the principles of Home Management in home and family living.

#### **DETAILED SYLLABUS**

	TOPICS/CONTENTS/NOTES	OBJECTIVES
SECTION A: HOME ECONOMICS EDUCATION		
1.	Home Economics  a. Meaning, scope and importance of Home Economics.  b. Objectives and ideals of Home Economics.	Candidates should be able to: i. examine the importance of Home Economics to the individual, family, society and nation; ii. identify the objectives of Home Economics; iii. determine the scope of Home Economics.
2.	Areas/Careers in Home Economics  a. Home Management	Candidates should be able to: i. recommend possible vocations in the different areas of Home Economics; ii. relate Home Economics to each vocation; iii. assess the benefits of each vocation to the individual, society and nation; iv. identify current vocations in Home Economics; v. identify sources of career information.

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3.	Interrelationship of Home Economics with other subjects: Biology, Geography, Chemistry, Physics, Agricultural Science, Fine Arts, Economics, Mathematics etc.	Candidates should be able to: i. compare the different areas of study which have relationship with Home Economics; ii. determine the contributions of these subjects to Home Economics.
SEC	CTION B: HOME MANAGEMENT	
1.	Principles of Home Management  a. Meaning of Home Management  b. Steps in the management process  c. Decision-making: meaning and process  d. Motivation for Home Management e.g. goals, values, standards, needs and wants, likes and dislikes.	Candidates should be able to: i. state the meaning of Home Management; ii. identify steps involved in the management process; iii. determine issues for decision-making in the home; iv. describe the role of motivators in Home Management.
2.	Resources  a. Human Resources: definition and types i. Time management:	Candidates should be able to: i. identify the resources available to the individual and family; ii. describe the pattern of work plan; iii. apply the principle of time management to work simplification in the home; iv. identify the sources of income available to an individual and family; v. determine the means of family saving; vi. give reasons for saving family income; vii. determine the steps involve in family budgeting; viii. suggest alternative resources for Home Management; ix. analyse the principles of money management; x. state other material resources available to individual and family.
3.	Family Living  a. Definition and types of family  i. Advantages and disadvantages of family types  ii. The family life cycle.  b. Family relationships	Candidates should be able to: i. compare types of family; ii. identify roles of family members; iii. differentiate between the types of relationships that exist in the family;

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- husband/wife relationship, parent/child relationship, brother/sister or sibling relationships
- factors that influence family relationship
- c. Basic personality profiles
  - meaning of personality
  - extroversion, introversion and anxiety/stability
- d. Adolescents and their problems
- e. Family crises
- f. Conflict and conflict resolution
- g. Human rights
  - Meaning of human rights and fundamental human rights
  - ii. Rights of women and children
  - iii. Violation of human rights
- h. Communication and role of ICT in the Family.

# I. Marriage and Reproductive Health

Meanings of marriage and sex education

- a. Boy/Girl relationship
  - courtship
  - factors to consider when choosing a partner
- b. Preparation for marriage
  - meaning and purpose of engagement
  - types of marriage; Islamic, Christian, Court and Traditional
  - planning a family.
- c. Reproductive health
  - -sexually transmitted infections/ diseases (STIs/STDs and HIV/AIDS) etc.

# 5. Pregnancy and childbirth

- a. Menstruation, pregnancy and childbirth, labour delivery and post-natal care
- b. Childcare, baby's layette, care of the baby, toilet training, bathing, feeding, weaning, etc.
- c. Care of toddlers
  - common ailments in children
  - immunization
- d. Child development
  - good habits and character training
  - play and play materials
- e. Parenting
  - meaning and importance
  - responsibilities of parents.

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- iv. determine the factors that influence family relationships;
- v. describe factor that influence family relationships;
- vi. identify characteristics and problems of adolescents.
- vii. compare the basic personality profiles (extrovert, introvert);
- viii. identify types of family crises and ways of solving them;
- ix. identify sources of conflict and solution strategies;
- x. identify types of human rights and human rights violation;
- xi. suggest remedies for breach of human rights;
- xii. identify factors that hinder communication in the family;
- xiii. determine factors that enhance communication in the family;
- xiv. identify the advantages and disadvantages of ICT.

## Candidates should be able to:

- differentiate between types of marriages in Nigeria;
- ii. compare the advantages and disadvantages of inter-tribal marriages;
- iii. analyse the role of courtship and engagement in marriages;
- iv. identify the different ways of planning a family;
- v. state types, causes and prevention of sexually transmitted infections and diseases.

#### Candidates should be able to:

- i. describe the process of reproduction from conception to birth;
- ii. describe the care an infant need from birth to 5 years;
- iii. determine the factors that affect pregnancy;
- iv. differentiate between the stages of labour;
- v. identify the symptoms of common ailments in children;
- vi. mention types of play materials;
- vii. trace the stages of development in children;
- viii. recommend suitable play materials for children;
- ix. identify responsibilities of parents.

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<b>6.</b> b.	Housing the family  a. Houses and home - types of houses - factors that affect the choice of a house - ways of acquiring a house.  Interior decoration - wall finishing and the application of principles of art and design to • colours • textures • lines and • proportions - flower arrangements  c. Furniture and furnishings in the home - types - factors that affect choices and position.  d. Utilities in the Home - Water: source, uses, purification, etc Household fuels e.g gas, coal, electricity, kerosene, fire wood and sawdust - Electricity: related terms, generation, safety, etc Communication devices e.g. GSM, computer etc	Candidates should be able to: i. differentiate between a house and a home; ii. identify the factors that influence residential choice; iii. describe items that beautify living areas; iv. suggest suitable colours, textures and other related factors that should be considered in interior decoration; v. determine factors that influence choice and arrangement of furniture; vi. compare different floral arrangements; vii. identify types of ornament and fixtures; viii. describe the care of ornaments and fixtures; ix. identify utilities in the home; x. appraise the advantages and disadvantages of these utilities in relation to their alternatives.
7.	<ul> <li>Home surfaces</li> <li>a. Types and care of surfaces and coverings e.g. wood, tiles, Formica, concretes, plastics, linoleums, mats, rugs and terrazzo</li> <li>b. Identification, preparation and use of cleaning agents such as water, soap, abrasives, polish, etc</li> <li>c. Care of home surfaces and coverings e.g. washing, sweeping, dusting, shampooing, buffing, polishing.</li> </ul>	Candidates should be able to: i. identify common surfaces in the homes; ii. mention cleaning agents and their uses in the home; iii. identify materials needed for preparing local cleaning agents; iv. compare the care of the following: - wood - plastic - concrete - rugs - mats - linoleum etc
8.	Sanitation in the Home  a. Drainage systems – types and care b. Disposal of household refuse c. Household pests and control d. Pollution and health hazards.	Candidates should be able to:  i. identify types of waste water;  ii. suggest ways of disposing household refuse;  iii. identify common household pests and their control;  iv. identify some diseases transmitted by pests;  v. describe sources of pollution;  vi. mention the health hazards of pollution.

#### TOPICS/CONTENTS/NOTES **OBJECTIVES Consumer Education** Meaning and importance of consumer Candidates should be able to: i. explain the importance of consumer education; education Definition and types of market ii. identify the different types of markets; b. iii. describe the various consumer agents; Distributors or consumer agents c. d. Sources of consumer information iv. identify sources of consumer advice and Purchasing practices information: e. v. apply the principles of consumer education to f. Advertising Consumer rights and responsibilities wise shopping; g. Government agencies and regulatory vi. identify the types of media used by advertisers; bodies. vii. describe their advantages and disadvantages; viii. explain the rights and responsibilities of the consumer: ix. identify the functions of government agencies and regulatory bodies. SECTION C: FOODS & NUTRITION 1. **Foods and Nutrition** Definition of Foods and Nutrition Candidates should be able to: Classification of nutrients, their i. describe the following: food nutrients, sources and functions, deficiency carbohydrates, minerals, fat and oil, vitamin, diseases protein and water; Classification of foods: cereals, ii. identify the different classes of food; ii. iii. describe the effect of nutrition on health fats and oils, milk and milk products, meat, fish, pulses, nuts, status: fruits, vegetables, etc iv. identify factors affecting good nutrition; Nutrition and health v. describe the process which breakdown large b. Relationship of nutrition and health food molecules; i. Factors affecting nutrition e.g. vi. recommend the nutritional needs for special groups: income, food in season, availability of food, etc. vii. determine the reasons for the nutritional needs The digestive system of the following special groups: - expectant/ lactating mothers, infant, toddlers Nutrition for special groups e.g infants, - sedentary /manual workers toddlers, adolescents, manual workers, - children between 5 and 8 years - adolescent, aged, invalid and convalescent. etc. Meal planning Candidates should be able to: Principles of meal planning a. Dietary needs and meals for special identify factors that influence the choice and occasions and groups preparation of food for the family; Preparation and serving of meals ii. plan meals for special occasions e.g. weddings, Snacks and beverages birthdays, anniversaries, etc; - meaning, types and functions iii. plan meals for special groups e.g. vegetarians, Table setting, table manners invalids convalescence, HIV/AIDS patient, and COVID patient, etc; hostessing. identify types of snacks/beverages and their iv. functions: compare types of table setting; v. describe table manners and qualities of a good vi. host.

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3.	Cookers and cooking  a. Types, choice and care of cookers e.g. gas, electric, microwave, etc  b. Reasons for cooking  c. Cooking terms  d. Methods of cooking e.g. boiling, stewing, baking, steaming, etc  -moist and dry methods of cooking  e. Methods of heat transfer e.g. conduction, convection and radiation.	Candidates should be able to:  i. identify types of cookers, their choice and care; ii. enumerate reasons for cooking; iii. group the methods of cooking into the following:  - moist methods  - dry methods  - fast methods  - slow methods  iv. determine the method of heat transfer in the various methods of cooking.	
4.	Flours and uses  a. Types and uses of flours  b. Raising agent e.g air, yeast, palm wine, steam, etc.	Candidates should be able to: i. identify types of flours and their uses; ii. select appropriate raising agents for basic mixtures; iii. use flour to produce assorted food items;	
5.	Basic mixtures - Pastries / Batters -Definition / uses	Candidates should be able to: i. differentiate between batters and pastries ii. use batters and pastries for different purposes.	
6.	Scientific methods in Foods and Nutrition  a. Measure units and accuracy  b. Various nutrients tests in food e.g test for protein, fats and carbohydrates  c. Recipe development	Candidates should be able to:  i. demonstrate skills in unit measurements;  ii. detect the nutrients in a given food;  iii. develop basic recipes in food preparation.	
7.	The Kitchen:  a. Types of kitchen;  b. Arrangement  c. Tools and equipment  - selection, use and care	Candidates should be able to:  i. describe types and arrangement of kitchen;  ii. compare large and small kitchen equipment and tools;  iii. specify factors to consider in selecting kitchen tools and equipment.	
8.	<ul> <li>Kitchen safety and hygiene</li> <li>a. Common accidents in the kitchen -causes of accidents - preventive measures.</li> <li>b. First Aid: - definition - components of a first aid kit -simple first aid for burns, scalds, cuts bruises, bleeding, electric shock, poisoning, chocking and bites.</li> <li>c. Kitchen, personal and food hygiene - communicable and non-communicable</li> </ul>	Candidates should be able to: i. identify common accidents in the kitchen, their causes and preventive measures; ii. suggest ways of making the kitchen a safe place; iii. specify items which should be included in a first aid kit; iv. suggest simple first aid for scalds, cuts, bleeding, burns, etc; v. identify ways in which food is contaminated; vi. compare communicable and non – communicable disease and their preventive measures;	

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		vii. determine the effect of exercise and cosmetics on the skin; viii. describe the structure of the sensory organs; ix. suggest ways of taking care of the sensory organs
9.	Food Storage and Preservation	
	<ul> <li>a. Meaning and purpose of preservation -causes of food spoilage -principles of food preservation -methods of food preservation.</li> <li>b. Convenience foods -definition and types - guidelines for selection</li> </ul>	Candidates should be able to: i. identify agents of food spoilage; ii. describe the principles involved in the preservation and storage of foods; iii. compare the advantages and disadvantages of food preservation method; iv. identify convenience foods; v. compare the advantages and disadvantages of
	<ul><li>- use of convenience foods.</li><li>c. Food additives</li><li>- Types and uses</li></ul>	using convenience foods; vi. identify guidelines for selecting convenience foods; vii. identify additives used in foods;
	d. Rechauffe dishes - meaning, rules and types - advantages and disadvantages of rechauffe.	viii. compare the advantages and disadvantages of rechauffe dishes.
10.	Home Gardening  a. definition  b. common gardening tools  c. advantages of home gardening  d. types of soil  e. plants and crops suitable for home garden  f. preparation and care of home garden.	Candidates should be able to: i. identify gardening tools; ii. explain the importance of home gardening; iii. describe the procedures involved in home gardening.
SEC	CTION D: CLOTHING & TEXTILE	
1.	Fibres and Fabrics  a. Origin of fibres:     definition of textile terms, e.g. fibres,     fabrics, yarn, staple, filament, blends,     etc.	Candidates should be able to;  i. identify the characteristics of fibre;  ii. differentiate between methods of fabric construction using diagrams;
	b locally made fabric e.g. aso-oke, Okene cloth, Benue cloth, Akwete, Gwado, etc	iii. state reasons for giving finishes to fabrics; iv. state the uses and importance of locally
	c. Classification and properties of fibres e.g. cotton, rayon, silk, etc	made fabric; v. compare types of labels found on clothing;
	d. Fabric finishes: moth-proofing, embossing, durable pleating, flame-proofing, stain-repellent, print e.g. tie and dye, screen printing etc	vi. state the importance of label on garments.
	e. Textile care label - meaning and types	

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2.	Sew	- recognition of washing, cleaning and ironing symbols, wool symbols, etc  ving equipment and garment struction  Sewing machine, basic tools and equipment - types, use and care  Basic process in garment constructionbasic stitches, seams, edge finishes, crossway strips, etc  Style features - collars, yokes, pockets, frills, cuts, belts, etc  Arrangement of fullness - darts, tuck gathering, pleats, smocking, shirring, etc  Decorative design -embroidery, needlecraft, tarting, crocheting, knitting, appliqué, patch work and soft furnishing.  Simple processes and mend garments -patching, darning, renovation, batik/tie and dye  Garment construction -figure types, basic body measurement and pattern drafting -choice of styles for different figures -factors influencing the choice of fabric.  Wardrobe planning and maintenance -basic rules in wardrobe planning -factors affecting wardrobe planning, weather, occupation, personal features etc.  Good grooming, dress sense and accessories -definition	Candidates should be able to:  i. identify the types, parts and faults of a sewing machine;  ii. identify basic tools and equipment used in garment construction;  iii. describe various process in garment constructions;  iv. apply basic process in garment construction;  v. identify style features to enhance the beauty and quality of garments;  vii. apply decorative designs on fabrics;  viii. apply the knowledge of sewing to mend and renovate garments;  viii. compare the process of making batik/tie and dye, screen printing and resist dying;  ix. relate body figures to the selection of styles and fabrics;  x. determine factors which affect the choice of clothing;  xi. identify factors to consider in wardrobe planning;  xii. describe the following terms:  - good grooming  - dress sense  - accessories  - colour harmony.
3.	Lau a. b. c.	- types and choice of accessories.  Indry and care of clothes  Washing and finishing process: sorting, mending, removal of stains, soaking, washing, rinsing, drying, ironing and airing;  Laundry agents — water, detergents, soaps, stiffness, disinfectants etc  Stain - meaning, types, agents; - process of removal;  Iron and ironing temperatures;	Candidates should be able to: i. arrange in correct order the processes involved in washing and finishing of clothing; ii. describe the role of laundry agent; iii. suggest ways of removing common stains; iv. describe the following: - laundry agents - stains - ironing temperatures.

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