

**P.7 SOCIAL STUDIES TOPICAL BREAKDOWN FULL YEAR**

**TOPICAL BREAK DOWN TERM I**

**TOPIC 1: The Continent Of Africa**

- ✓ Meaning of a continent
- ✓ Other continents of the world
- ✓ Position and size of the world
- ✓ Importance of the Greenwich meridian
- ✓ How to use latitudes and longitudes to locate places
- ✓ Examples of time change in the world
- ✓ Important geographical facts about Africa
- ✓ Other features associated with the continent of Africa

**TOPIC 2: Physical Features Of Africa**

- ✓ Relief regions of Africa
- ✓ Highlands and mountains in Africa
- ✓ Types of mountains in Africa
- ✓ Formation of mountains
- ✓ Advantages and disadvantages of mountains
- ✓ The coastal plain
- ✓ The African plateau
- ✓ The rift valley of Africa
- ✓ The drainage system of Africa
- ✓ River development projects in Africa
- ✓ Swamps

**TOPIC 3 : Vegetation In Africa**

- ✓ Types of vegetation in Africa
- ✓ Examples of natural vegetation, forests
- ✓ Factors that influence people's lives
- ✓ How people influence natural vegetation
- ✓ Ways of conserving vegetation
- ✓ Effects of vegetation on population distribution
- ✓ Wildlife in Africa
- ✓ Major national game parks in Africa
- ✓ Tourism in Africa.

## **TOPIC 4: The Climate Of Africa**

- ✓ Weather
- ✓ Factors affecting climate
- ✓ Prevailing winds in Africa
- ✓ Global warming
- ✓ Climatic regions of Africa
- ✓ Effects of climate on people's lives
- ✓ How people's activities influence climate

## **TOPICAL BREAKDOWN TERM II**

## **TOPIC 5: People Of Africa**

- ✓ Origin of different ethnic groups
- ✓ Movement of different ethnic groups
- ✓ Settlement patterns of ethnic groups
- ✓ Tribes belonging to different ethnic groups
- ✓ Reasons for the migration of ethnic groups
- ✓ Problems met by ethnic groups during movement
- ✓ Effects of ethnic groups

## **TOPIC 6: Foreign Influence In Africa**

- ✓ Foreign groups in Africa
- ✓ Reasons for the coming of foreigners
- ✓ Problems faced by European explorers in Africa
- ✓ Effects of European explorers
- ✓ Reasons for the coming of Traders in Africa
- ✓ Effects of European Traders
- ✓ European colonialists in Africa, South Africa, Ghana, Senegal, Algeria, Angola, Egypt, DRC
- ✓ The scramble and partition of Africa
- ✓ Establishment of colonial rule in Africa Francophone and Anglophone states
- ✓ Methods of acquiring colonies in Africa
  - such as – Treaty making
    - Violence
    - Exciting misunderstanding
- ✓ The beginning of the Great Trek in South Africa
- ✓ Effects of foreign influence
- ✓ Political effects (apartheid in South Africa)
- ✓ Economic effects

- ✓ Methods used by colonialists to administer the colonies such as direct rule, indirect rule or assimilation.

## **TOPIC 7 : Nationalism And The Road To Independence**

- ✓ Meaning of Nationalism, Pan – Africanism. Pan Africanists , nationalists and Patriotism
- ✓ The work of Pan – Africanists and nationalists.
- ✓ Countries that were not colonized in Arica (Ethiopia and Liberia)
- ✓ Reasons for maintaining their independence
- ✓ Leading Pan – Africanists who fought for Africa's independence
- ✓ Methods of work by the Pan – Africanists and nationalists
- ✓ Problems Pan- Africanists and nationalists faced
- ✓ Multiparty system
- ✓ Advantages of multiparty system
- ✓ Disadvantages of multiparty system
- ✓ Single party system
- ✓ Advantages of single party system
- ✓ Disadvantages of single party system

## **TOPICAL BREAKDOWN TERM III**

### **TOPIC 8: Post Independence Africa**

- ✓ Formation of OAU
- ✓ When and why it was formed
- ✓ Founder members
- ✓ Objectives of OAU
- ✓ Functions of OAU
- ✓ Achievement of OAU
- ✓ Failures of OAU
- ✓ Formation of AU
- ✓ Objectives of AU
- ✓ Challenges of AU
- ✓ Organs of AO
- ✓ Possible solutions to challenges of AU
- ✓ Regional bodies (Markets)
  - COMESA
  - SADC
  - IGAD
  - Advantages and disadvantages of economic co-operation

- Ways of solving problems faced by economic groupings

### **TOPIC 9: Economic Developments In Africa**

- ✓ Major economic resources in Africa
- ✓ Problems faced by utilization of resources
- ✓ Caring of our resources
- ✓ Major economic development in Africa
- ✓ Nigeria, Sudan, Libya, South Africa, DRC, Uganda  
Climate, mining, tourism, farming, industrialization
- ✓ Comparison with other countries in terms of economic development
- ✓ Challenges affecting economic development in Africa
  - Social
  - Economic
  - Political
  - Possible solutions to problems that affect economic development in Africa.

### **TOPIC 10: Major World Organisations**

- ✓ Formation of the United Nations
- ✓ Origin
- ✓ Objectives
- ✓ Members and organs of the UN
- ✓ Function
- ✓ Agencies
- ✓ Importance of the United Nations
- ✓ Agencies of the UN and their functions
- ✓ UN Human Rights charter
- ✓ The common wealth of Nations
- ✓ Membership
- ✓ Functions
- ✓ Challenges of the UN
- ✓ The common wealth organization
- ✓ Members of common wealth headed by a king
- ✓ Comparison of the activities of the UN and Commonwealth of Nations.
- ✓ Special members of common wealth
- ✓ Aims of the common wealth
- ✓ Benefits of common wealth to member states
- ✓ The activities of common wealth
- ✓ The challenges of the commonwealth.