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### PAPER 2

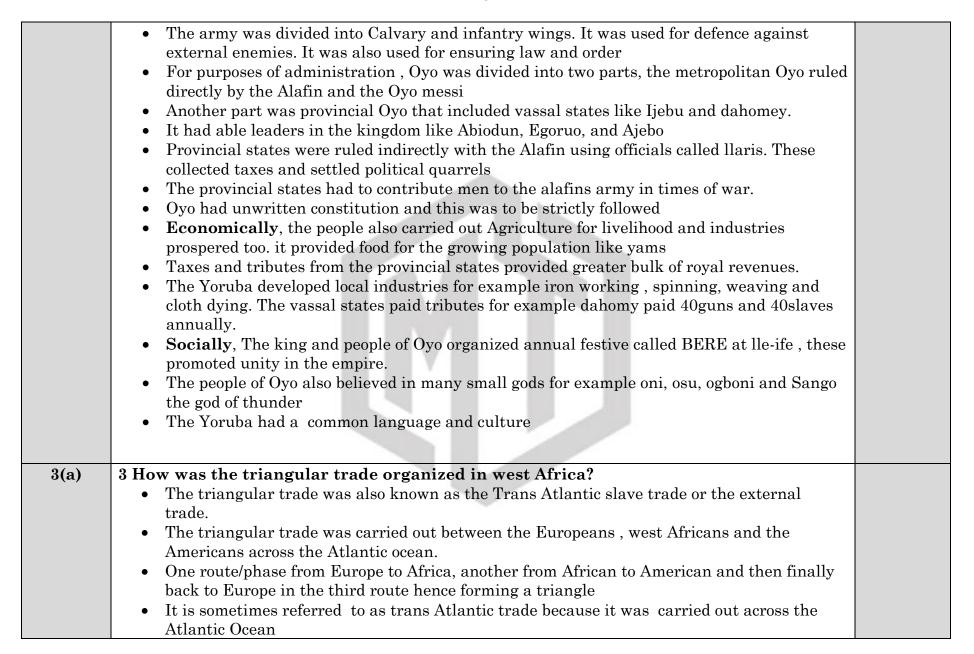
Qn	Answer	mark
1(a)	Describe the origins of Mali empire	
	• Little is known about the origins of Mali empire. The origin of Mali is not clear.	
	<ul> <li>However some historians see Mali as merely an extension of Ghana Empire.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Most historians regard Mali as originating from the small mandate state</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Mali empire was founded by the Mandingo/mande/Malinke people.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>It was found located around two rivers of Niger and Senegal.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>It started as a small state/nucleus of kangaba during the 11th century.</li> </ul>	
	Baremandona was the ruler of kangaba chiefdom. He was one of the founder kings and had been converted to Islam.	
	• This malinke chiefdom/state was called kangaba. Kangaba was a vassal state of Ghana.	
	The word "mali" meant a place where the kings resided(palace)	
	• After the fall of Ghana in 1076, the state of kangaba broke away and became independent	
	• The original capital of Mali was jeriba. located near river sankarani and the modern town of Bamako.	
	The empire was located within the savannah belt of west Africa	
	By 1203, when sumanguru of Kananga captured Ghana. the kingdom of kangaba was already becoming powerful and expanding	
	This expansion aroused the hostility of sumanguru which made him attack kangaba	
	Sumanguru kante attacked and killed 11 princes except sundiata keita the crippled prince	

	<ul> <li>Sundiata was weak sickly and crippled.</li> <li>Sundiata keita was also called Mari jata later regained use of his legs, became prominent hunter and soldier.</li> </ul>	
	• Sundiata joined sumangurus army in kangaba but while in the army, he became very popular and even scared sumanguru.	
	<ul> <li>Sumanguru kante plotted to kill sundiata keita (mari jata)</li> </ul>	
	Sundiata keita and the mother fled to exile and organized the army.	
	• In 1235, at the famous battle of Karina, sundiata Kieta defeated and killed sumanguru	
	He captured Kananga, added it to kangaba and what remained of Ghana calling it the empire of Mali.	
	• By the mid 14th century, 4 towns of niani(later capital), jenne, Timbuktu and Gao were incorporated into Mali	
1(b)	What was the importance of Kankan Musa in the history of Mali?	
	<ul> <li>Mansa musa was the greatest emperor of Mali, the empire reached climax.</li> </ul>	
	o Mansa musa succeeded sundiata keita who died in 1255	
	○ He ruled Mali from 1307 up to 1332/1337.	
	o Mansa musa's contributions to the greatness of Mali were many and varied	
	He continued sundiata keita's policy of expanding Mali empire	
	o By 1332, his empire had expanded from the Atlantic in the west to dendi in the east, from walata, Arawan and Tadmekket in the Sahara of Futa jallon in the south	
	<ul> <li>He established an efficient administration for running the internal affairs of the empire</li> </ul>	
	o The central government consisted of the king and his officials (ministers) who received	
	presents of land, money, horses and clothes for their services.	
	o In the administration of Mali, Mansa Musa divided the empire into 14 provinces each under	
	a Governor(koi)	
	o The governors were usually chiefs of the loyal tribes, they were responsible for law and order	
	and also collection of taxes	
	o The king dismissed any koi (governor) who proved untrustworthy and chose others in their	
	place.	
	o He ensured peace and justice in Mali Empire. There was judges, lawyers, the courts of law	
	and courts of appeal	

- o There was complete security for travelers and there was no fear for thieves and robbers in mali.
- Mansa musa introduced (instituted) the policy of national honours in the civil service for example the national honour of trousers
- He occasssionally visited the courts of law to witness the court proceedings. This won him respect and fame
- He made the famous pilgrimage with 60,000 followers to Mecca in 1324, this led to the greatness of Mali.
- He built a well defended army for Mali of about 100,000 men of which 10,000 were horse mounted Calvary.
- o The army of Mansa musa was used for defense and expansion of Mali empire
- o His army was also used keeping law and order in the Mali empire.
- o Mansa musa developed the economy of Mali when he encouraged Gold and slave trade across the Sahara to North Africa.
- o Mansa musa was the richest king in Mali and west Africa at large during his rule
- He encouraged local industries for the economy of Mali for example encouraged black smithing, cloth weaving and making of baskets
- o He set up diplomatic / friendly ties with other countries e.g. Morocco, Egypt, Cyrenaica and Saudi Arabia
- He brought famous poets and architects in Mali for example Es-saheli (a Spanish poet) and Al-Tuwajjin who introduced burnt brick building in western Sudan.
- o To promote education and Islam, he commissioned the Muslim Architect Al- saheli to build many mosques, elegant buildings and schools gao, Timbuktu and sankore university becoming famous.
- o He also promoted Islamic learning by sending manlike students to study in Fez.
- o He encouraged the use of Arabic culture in Mali, this simplified communication in the empire.
- He promoted the Arabic culture in Mali for example the putting on of the kanzus by men and the veils by women
- He also established the sharia law in the empire. This was used in the administration of justice in the empire
- He laid the foundation for Timbuktu to become a commercial and educational centre of the western Sudan having a Friday mosque built there

	<ul> <li>Mansa musa also contributed to the unity and peace in the empire through his policy of religious tolerance</li> <li>He encouraged trade, agriculture and local industry hence building the economy of mali.</li> <li>Mansa musa however died in 1332 but left behind a remarkable empire that showed the capacity of a negro leader in political organization</li> </ul>	
2(a)	How was the kingdom of Oyo established?	
	o The establishment and origins of Oyo were not clear	
	o The origins were based on myths (legends) of the Yoruba	
	o The origins of Oyo were political, social and economic in nature	
	Oyo was one of the Yoruba and forest states.	
	<ul> <li>It was alongside others like Benin, Asante and Dahomy.</li> <li>It was the earliest and largest of all in the region</li> </ul>	
	o The empire of Oyo is believed to have emerged during the 14th and 15th century and by 1431, the empire was already in existence.	
	<ul> <li>The original founders and inhabitants in the empire were the Yoruba speaking people</li> </ul>	
	(negroes)	
	o The Yoruba legends show that oduduwa was the first great ancestor and settled at lle-ife as	
	king	
	o Oduduwa is highly believed to have descended either from heaven or the north east and	
	settled at lle-ife	
	o His eldest son and successor Okanbi died at lle-ife and left seven (7) children but the 7th	
	Oran miyan became the founder and first Alafin Oyo	
	o It should be noted that the seven children left behind at lle-ife are the ones who founded the	
	forest states	
	o Oran miyan conquered the tribes to the north of lle-ife and setup his capital at Old Oyo	
	(Ajaka)	
	o From this nucleus, the empire of Oyo had grown larger to the peak covering a vast area	
	Niger, to the gulf of guinea, Benin, in the East and Togo land in the west.	
2(b)	Explain the organization of the kingdom during the 18th century.	
	The empire of Oyo was organized in many ways	

- That were political, social, and economic in nature
- Oyo was ruled by 3 political institutions that's to say Alafin, Oyo mesi and the Ogbon that was headed by Olowu
- The system of government was characterized by a unique and complicated system of checks and balances
- Oyo had a monarchial type of government switch a matrilineal system of inheritance
- Oyo was healed by a king with little of an Alafin. He had semi divine powers.
- The king /Alafin was also assisted by a number of ministers and these included Ona fin( chief justice), Otun Efa(head of Sango culture), Osi Efa ( the financial and state intelligence)
- The Alafin was elected by the council of seven (7) notables called Oyo Messi from the royal family.
- In administration the king was assisted by the Oyo-messi the supreme council of state and the king's makers.
- The Oyo messi was healed by the prime minister called Bashirun who had both political and cultures duties
- The oyo messi shared judicial powers, controlled the army and acted as mediators between the provincial states and the alafin.
- The alafin(king) never enjoyed autocratic powers for example the council of 7 notables could depose him via orders from heaven and ancestors by sending him parrot eggs in a calabash, they said that "the gods reject you, the people reject you and the earth rejects you"
- The deposed king was to commit suicide with the eldest of his sons(Aremo) and the best of his friends
- The activities of the Oyo messi and Aalfin were also checked by a secret society of the earth culture called Ogboni
- This ogboni culture was comprised of elderly and experienced men and they were to settle conflicts between the Oyo Messi and the Alafin
- The ESO were war lord appointed by the Oyo messi and were responsible for war
- Oyo had a strong army that was non standing. This was used for expansion of the kingdom.
- The commander in chief of the army was kankanfo. He came from a humble origins and was to commit suicide if he failed to win the war,



- It begun after the discovery and opening up of plantations and mines in the new world in the 15th century.
- It was organized in form of triangle hence the name 'triangular' because the cargo ships staged in the course of the voyage.
- The trade had three main stages or phases, the first voyage/passage was from Europe to guinea coast of west Africa.
- The second phase /passage was from west Africa to America (new world /west indies). The cargo along this route were purely slaves and gold.
- Triangular trade was completed in the third phase /passage that run from west Indies back to Europe
- In the new world, slaves could work on the plantations and the mines the former labour. Red Indians were weak and few and so the African labour would work on the plantations and mines in the new world.
- In the first phase, the vessels were located with European manufactured goods like guns, mirrors, alcoholic drinks, utensils, clothes, food stuffs and ornaments all exchanged for black slaves, gold, ivory and other raw materials in west Africa.
- From America, the main cargo got from there was composed of raw sugar, tobacco, coffee, and cotton.
- The slave sand gold from west African coast were exchanged in the American markets for raw materials like raw sugar, tobacco and cotton.
- In the 15th century, this trade was dominated by the Portuguese but were later joined by other countries like Britain, France, Denmark by 1850 exporting 10 slaves to the new world.
- As at the peak, an average of 70,000 slaves were exported to the new world each year.
- In west Africa, the African chiefs organized the trade. The chiefs and elders enslaved and sold their fellow Africans
- Initially, the slaves were got from the debtors, prisoners and criminals were sold as a punishment.
- As trade boomed, regular raids for slaves were organized, captives of war and raids on political opponents were also made.
- From the interior, the slaves were matched to the coast , graded and sold to the European for European manufactured goods

- The African middle men deprived Europeans from entering the interior, so the Europeans waited at the coast in their ships or at ports/forts
- At the coast ware houses were constructed to store the trade items for the business
- The slaves were then packed like sardines fish in crowded ships and transported to America and this would take around 55days on the journey to America, many would die due to suffocation and women rapped and those who died were thrown in the water.
- The slaves were usually sold either singly or in groups.
- Trade was based on barter trade system though currency like metal bars and coins were used sometimes.
- The main slave market centre were in Benin, Senegal, Liberia and gold coast(Ghana)
- The Europeans provided the capital to the African middle men.
- The trade here was based on trust ship basis/system

# What were the effects of this trade on the people of west Africa? The effect of this trade were many, were social, economic, and political:

- Many young and energetic people were shipped across the Atlantic Ocean leaving only the old ones who were conservative behind.
- It led to heavy depopulation in west Africa as many were taken for slavery or killed during the raids, between 20-40 million Africans were taken to west indies as slaves
- It led to loss of life in west Africa
- There was loss of property, villages and towns were burnt down leading to misery and bloodshed resulting from slave trade.
- It caused wide spread of insecurity as African communities lived in fear for their life.
- It discouraged the local industries because Africans markets were flooded with cheap cotton cloth and metal ware.
- The African art and cultures were destroyed. The art work that had flourished in Benin degenerated.
- There was dispersal of many Africans in America. Many were taken to work as slaves on the cotton, tobacco and tea plantations there.
- There was loss of African dignity as the Africans were enslaved.
- The weaker political entities declined at the expense of the old ones for example the Asante who made the Fante a pool of their slaves



- The missionary Christian practices often conflicted with African traditional customs for example African polygamy Vs the missionary monogamy.
- There was inadequate supply of reliable manpower for example very few Africans were willing to carry the white man's luggage. There also few interpreters.
- There was poor communication with their home countries in Europe. They owned no vessel and the trading vessels to the west African coast were irregular.
- They faced hostility from Islam especially in northern Nigeria where their efforts to evangelize were stopped by governor Fredrick lugard for fear of provoking the Islamic hostility.
- The missionaries were few in number and yet the area to be covered was very big in west Africa.
- The pioneer missionaries were not well received in some parts of west Africa as Africans suspected all white men to be slave dealers.
- The interstate and inter tribal wars in some parts of west Africa always blocked the passage of missionaries in t6hose areas.
- There were misunderstandings between the different missionary groups.
- The missionaries were also mistaken by the Africans to be slave traders.
- There was lack of enough accommodation for the missionaries in west Africa.
- The wild animals like leopards, lions, etc in West Africa scared the missionaries.
- Missionaries were denied land for the establishment of their mission stations.
- The missionaries did not have adequate resources/funds and equipment for the building of churches, schools accommodation and medicine.
- Lacked proper transport means and so they had to walk long distances in the bushes for example father Joseph shanahan travelled from Onitsha to calabar on foot.
- The thick impenetrable forests in west Africa impeded the missionary movements.
- The west African Terrain was also difficult, i.e. missionaries either met rapids and falls on the rivers or the valleys and mountains which reduced their movements for the gospel.



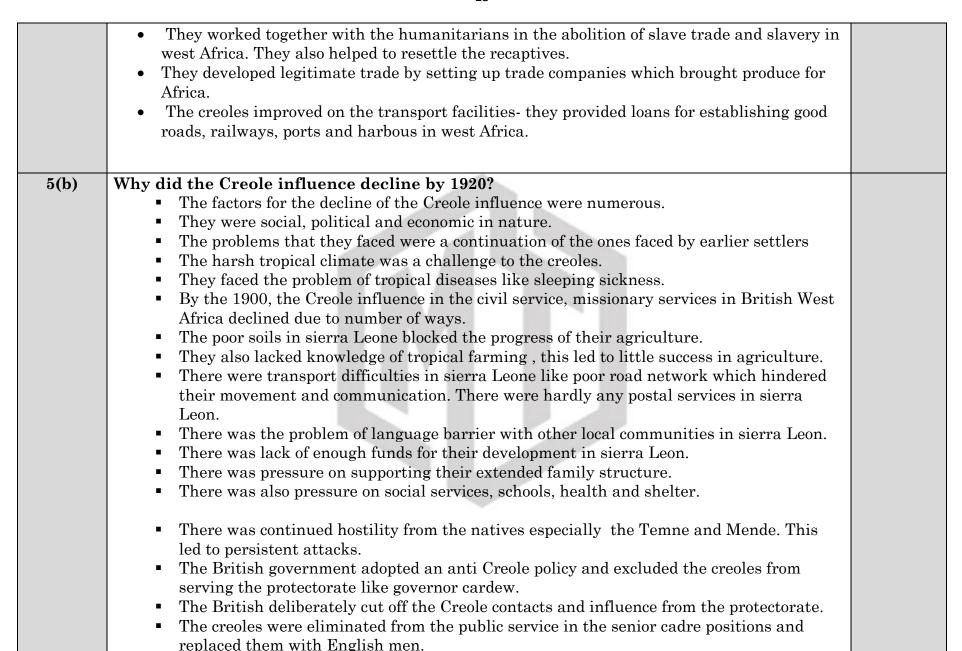
- The missionaries helped in the development of African languages by reducing them to written for example the Temne, Twi, Ga, Hausa, Efik, Nupe and Yoruba languages were introduced to written.
- The missionaries like Townsend and Presbyterians introduced the printing press in 1852 and the Fante documentations were produced. The CMS press also printed and distributed religious literature in Nigeria.
- It led to the abolition of slave trade there by restoring human dignity in sierra Leone and Liberia,
- They introduced legitimate trade by introducing cash crops like palm oil, coffee, cotton, and groundnuts, in the Niger delta states, Senegal and Gambia.
- Missionaries helped in the development of agriculture by introducing new and better methods of farming like crop rotation, use of fertilizers, mulching and setup experimental farms.
- **Socially,** the Africans adopted the European cultures such as dancing, dressing, they also adopted monogamy as a religious marriage.
- The missionaries introduced new architecture suitable for tropics for example building houses using stones, bricks and corrugated iron roofs in west Africa.
- Their activities led to the reduction of traditional cultural practices like human sacrifice, throwing away of twins among the Igbo.
- It led to the introduction of foreign languages for example English, French, Spanish, adopted by the west Africans in west Africa.
- They helped in the establishment of medical centers like hospitals, dispensaries, and clinics to treat African diseases.
- They encouraged their home governments to build roads, railways and bridges to tap the economic resources of west Africa.
- The activities of missionaries later promoted the growth of trading centers and urban centers for example Dakar in Senegal, free town in sierra Leone, Lagos in Nigeria and others.
- Missionary education later led to the rise of African nationalists in west Africa for example kwame Nkrumah of Ghana, Nandi Azikiwe of Nigeria, Felix houphoet boigny, leopard sedor senghor and others

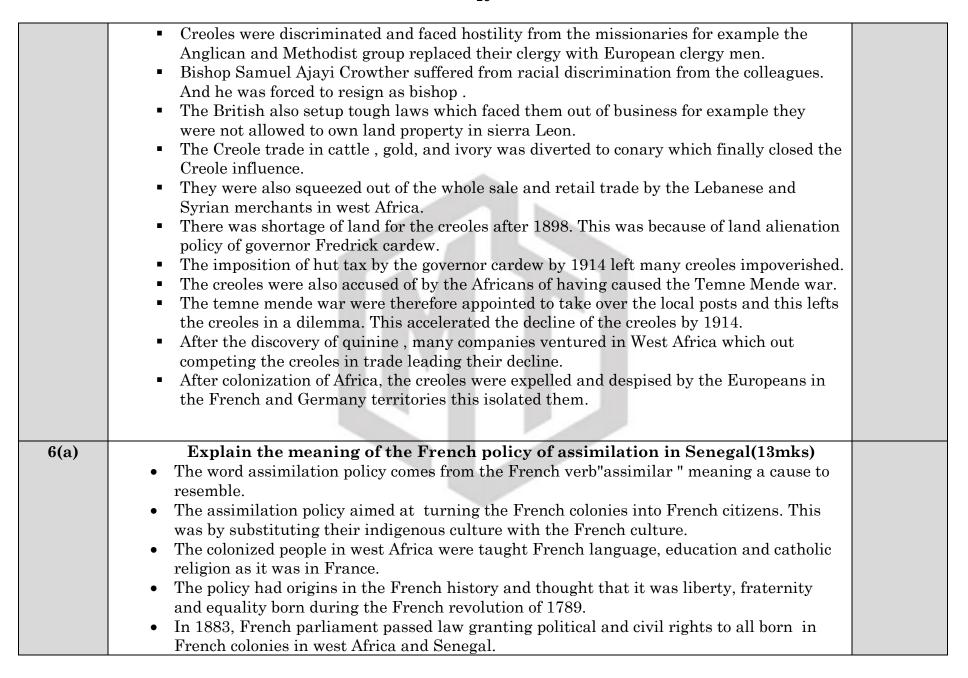
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#### What roles did the creoles play in the development of sierra Leon?

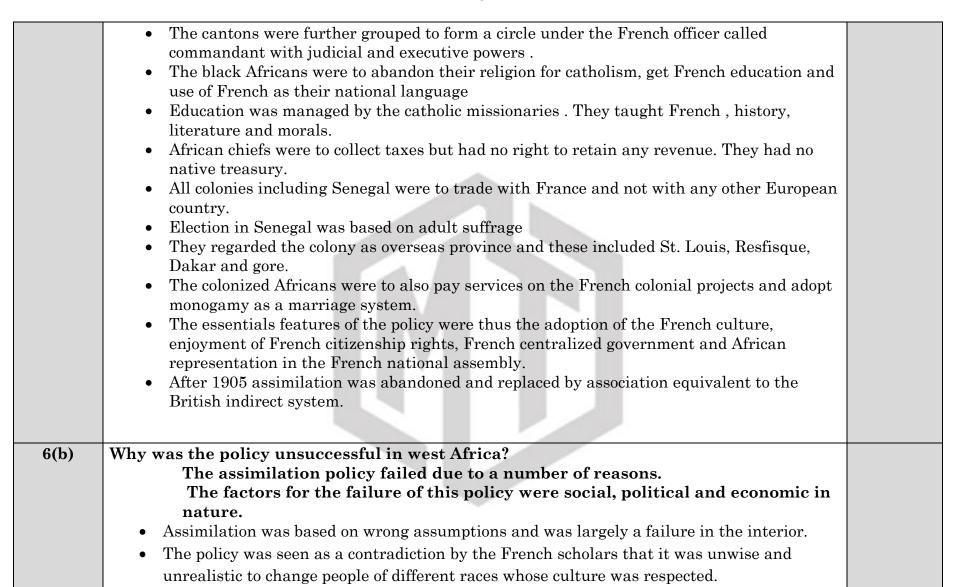
- The creoles were as a result of intermarriages between the freed slaves and the recaptives, They resulted from the abolition of slave trade.
- By 1850, they had emerged as a distinct group . They had inherited European, American and numerous African cultures
- They spoke the krio language and this was a mixture of African, English and Africanized English or vice versa.
- They were far seeing with development ideas and therefore made many contributions that were social, political, and economic in nature.
- The creoles promoted Christianity in sierra Leone and west Africa at large. They built a number of churches for Christian fellowship and prayers.
- The creoles translated the bible into many native languages like Nupe, Hausa, Yoruba, Ibo among others, this simplified the reading of Christian literature among Christian believers.
- Bishop Samuel ajayi crowther for example translated the bible into Yoruba language.
- They developed the education system in sierra Leone by building the first girls schools and boys schools in sierra Leone. They acted as teachers in many schools.
- They built Fourah-bay college in 1827 to train African clergy and offered other degrees. It attained a university status in 1876.
- The creoles children became the most educated in west Africa.
- They trained and people qualified as professionals in teaching, medicine, and law. These professionals were employed in missionary schools, hospitals, law courts, and churches.
- Samuel Ajayi crowther became the Anglican Bishop j.B Horton became the first surgeon/doctor in sierra Leon.
- John Thorpe became the first African lawyer in sierra Leon.
- Samuel Lewis became the first African lawyer knight, and also the first news editor and owner. He was also the first to be granted oxford and oxford degree.
- The creoles registered literacy achievements in sierra Leon. for example crowther wrote grammar and vocabulary of the Yoruba language.
- Doctor J.B Horton wrote "the medical Topography" of the west coast of Africa. While ABC sib Thorpe's wrote the History and geography of sierra Leon
- JB Horton wrote the" west African countries and the people" book. Then Samuel Johnson history of the Yoruba.

- The creoles helped in spreading western culture and civilization besides spreading Christianity in west Africa
- They participated in the local trade and boasted it. They got money to educate their children to school and became the most educated people in west Africa.
- They provided funds for setting up modern towns in west Africa for example Accra, Lagos port, Nova, Monrovia etc. These have remained important towns in west Africa today. The creoles pioneered the growth of African nationalism in west Africa in the 19th century this was because they were elites and influenced the peasants for their cause.
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- The creoles made research on tropical African diseases for example Dr.JT Eason and Dr. OguntolA sapalas research and this helped to check on the spread of disease.
- The creoles as educated people wrote the constitution of the fante Confederation of 1868, as well as civil service.
- The creoles manned /managed the civil service in sierra Leone as judges, doctors, and teachers, GC parke became the secretary for native affairs in the sierra Leone. This helped to publish the newspapers, magazines like the sierra Leone weekly newspaper.
- The creoles worked to construct mosques and donated generously to the needy in sierra Leone and west Africa.
- Mohammed shitta for example built mosques which still bear his name today. He became one of the earliest advocates of western education for Muslims in sierra Leon.
- In recognition of work , he was rewarded with a doctorate and a title of Bay by the sultan of Turkey.
- They set up[ many trading companies as well as the shipping companies. They traded with Britain and thus got a lot of wealth for development.
- They became successful business men who even sent money from abroad and became successful land lords in sierra Leon and west Africa.





- The policy was fully applied in Senegal's four communes. The inhabitants in these areas were granted full citizenship in 1883.
- They were also governed by the French law and so became black French men.
- Senegal's economy was modeled on the French firms of Bordeaux in France.
- Hence there was encouragement of ground nuts growing in Senegal.
- The whole administrative system was healed by the minister of colonies in Paris and Senegal used his laws.
- Senegal had to be identical to France administratively, economically, culturally, etc
- The belief in the superiority of the French culture had to be extended to the outside France like west Africa.
- Under the minister of ministers was the governor general stationed at Dakar and was to control all the French west Africa
- The headquarters for the assimilation policy were at Dakar for all the colonies in west Africa
- Each colony like Senegal was headed by a lieutenant general who implemented the policies given by the Governor general of Dakar.
- The lieutenant governor was assisted by the provincials and district officers who were normally French soldiers.
- Senegal like any other French colony was to be an extension of France and the colonized Africans would become French citizens with rights equal to the French men.
- The French literature, history and etiquette was to be studied by the Africans in Senegal and others.
- An African was elected as a represented to the French national assembly in Paris.
- In 1848, Senegal was given the right to elect and sent a deputy to the French parliament. The first one was blaise diagne.
- In 1872, four communes government in Senegal was made, Each commune had its own elected council with the mayor as its president.
- Also a general council for the four communes was elected in 1879.
- In 1883, the French government was grant citizenship to all citizens in four communes.
- In administration, villages were grouped into cantons under the canton chief and clerks operating from the bottom level.



• To the French, Equality would mean destruction of the French empire.

- Education which would have been the best vehicle of assimilation was left in the missionary hands whose aim was only preaching the gospel than conquering te minds for France
- The Africans who were deep rooted in their traditional cultures found it difficult to convert to catholic religion hence a problem to many African Muslims.
- The French faced the opposition from the French who feared that the African would become rivals.
- African concepts of land tenure, marriage, religion, inheritance and property ownership etc was different from those of the French.
- There were contrasts between the French and the Africans life like polygamy Vs, monogamy.
- Extended family Vs nuclear family system of the French hence the failure
- The tight conditions put on the African native laws and provide labour service to colonial government.
- Africans were to have 18 years and above, educated in the French language and French employment for 10 years.
- The Africans were to also possess good means of livelihood as well as showing evidence of good characters to qualify the French citizenship.
- Colonial representation in the chamber of deputies was a minority and the assembly showed little interest in the colonial affairs.
- The French lacked enough personnel's to implement the assimilation policy beyond Senegal's 4 communes (Dakar, Rasfique, St.louis and Goree)
- The education used to assimilate the natives was only emphasized in Senegal's four communes unlike in other areas.
- Promoting assimilation was hard due to arguments that indirect rule was cheaper and more profitable than assimilation.
- Assimilation was left to the catholic missionaries who more concerned with only evangelization.

	Differences in religion for example French catholism vs. Islam and paganism.	
	<ul> <li>Due to the challenges, the French were forced to abandon the assimilation policy in favour</li> </ul>	
	of association which was more identical to the British policy of indirect rule.	
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7(a)	What were the causes of the Franco- Mandika wars between 1881 and 1898?(13mks)	
	The Franco mandika war were between the mandika under samore toure and the French	
	imperialists and it lasted for 7years.	
	• It was one of the largest resistance in west Africa against the French colonial rule and it	
	broke out due to a number of factors,	
	<ul> <li>The caused of this war were political, social military, religious and economic in nature.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>The French colonial ambitions following the humiliations in the Franco prussianwar of</li> </ul>	
	1870-71 led to this war as France wanted to compensate for the loss of Alsace and Lorraine	
	her mineral states.	
	<ul> <li>The French aimed at conquering the Tokollar empire and linking it to the northern,</li> </ul>	
	western and equatorial guinea, this would be hard with the existence of Samore Toure of mandika empire.	
	• To the mandika, it was a war against the establishment of the French colonial rule and subsequent loss of their independence.	
	Therefore, the war was fought to safe guarded the mandika sovereignty.	
	<ul> <li>Samoure Toure fought to guard against the French exploitation of the mandika resources</li> </ul>	
	like land, minerals, and African labour.	
	• The war was regarded as a jihad against the infidels, the French Christians who were	
	invading mandika empire.	
	<ul> <li>They fought inorder to protect the mandika economic trade in cattle, gold, horses and</li> </ul>	
	slaves from the french.	
	<ul> <li>Samore Toure and the mandika had high sense of unity which gave them courage to fight</li> </ul>	
	the french, they were united by the islamic religion especially the Tijaniyya brother hood.	
	• Samoretoure's strong military position also gave him confidence to fight the french, he had	
	a continued arms supplies.	

- The existance of a strong standing army of about 200-300 soldiers in each province together with samore toures special brigade.
- Even when the supply of arms from Freetown was cut off, the mandika relied on samore's ammunitions.
- Samore toure's attack on Tieba territory Sikasso and their request for protection from the French made them come and fight the mandika and Samore Toure.
- By invading northern mandika province, the French had proud treacherous, it forced samore to repudiate the bissanndugu treaty of 1886.
- Kongos support for alliance with the French infidel angered the mandika and samore toure which also made him attack Congo in 1895.
- The strong influence and personality of samore toure led to the franco-mandika war between 1891- 98.
- The efficient mandika spying network influenced the war like the Dyula traders provided useful information as well as the African enemy states.
- On the other part, the French were determined not to suffer another military humiliation but they were backed by a strong economy compared to the subsistence economy of the mandika.

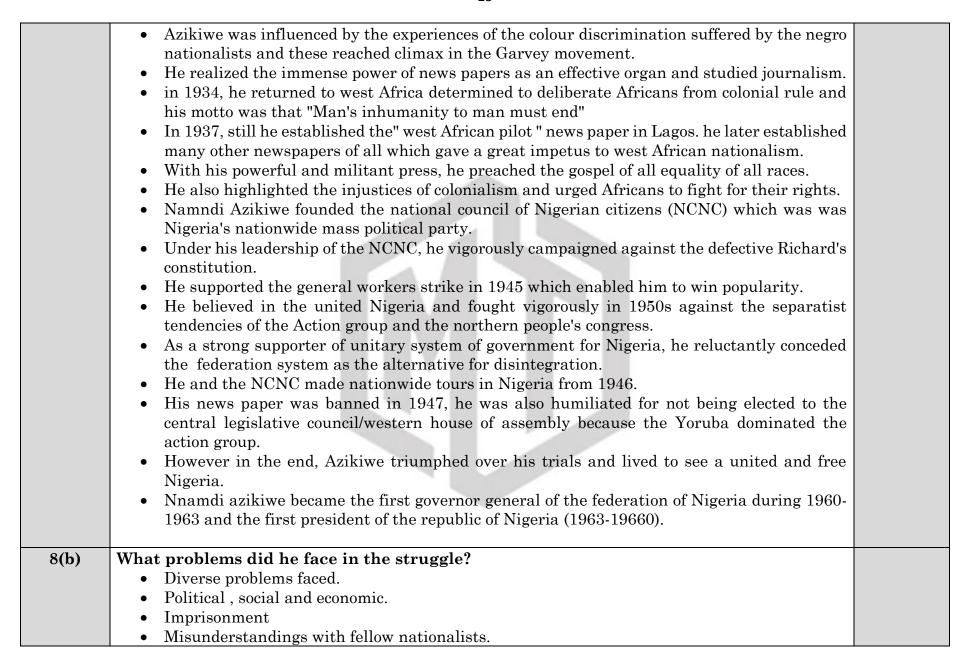
### 7(b) Why were the mandika defeated? (12mks)

The factors for the final defeat of the mandika and samore toure were quite many .

These factors for their defeat were social, political and economic in nature

- The French had a military superiority over the mandika people and samore Toure for example they had a superior army, artillery and support from the home government.
- Samore toure lacked modern weapons to counter against the well equipped French troops thus samore's ill equipped army could not handle the French.
- He failed to win British support against the French, during the partition of west Africa.
- On the other hand the British bargained the mandika empire for the French concessions elsewhere in west Africa.
- Samore toure also failed to patch up differences with other powerful African rulers like seku ahmed of the Tukulor and tieba of sikaso. these rulers failed to unite and prepared the way for the eventual defeat by the French.





- Banning of political parties
- Divide and rule policy applied by the British
- Nationalists were few in number.
- Arrests and torture.
- Detention and depositions
- Oppositions from the Africans mainly the collaborators.
- Military superiority of the whites.
- Poor mobilization and organization
- Fear of persecution by the colonial government
- Areas of operation was very big.
- Religious differences i.e. Christianity Vs Islam.
- Tribalism blocking membership in the political parties.
- Illiteracy of the masses.
- Poor transport
- Poor communication network.
- Language barrier.
- Inadequate resources/finances to run the political programmers'
- Disunity among the Africans leading to little support to nationalist activities.
- Inferiority complex among the Africans.
- Grabbing of African land by the British colonialists.
- Unemployment among the Africans.
- Poverty among the African masses.
- Inadequate mass media to spread nationalist ideas.
- Regionalism.
- Ideological differences.
- Lack of military training bases.
- Christianity made Africans submissive.
- Lack of external support from neighboring African States