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HISTORY OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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REVISION STRATEGIC PLAN 2023

ZONE 1	THE PEOPLES OF SOUTH AFRICA	
	1. a)	What were the origins of the San?
	b)	Why did the San migrate in south Africa?
	c)	Describe the Migration and Settlement of San in South Africa?
	d)	Describe the social, political and economic organization of the San?
	2. a)	What were the origins of the Khoi Khoi?
	b)	Why did the Khoi khoi migrate into south Africa?
	c)	Describe the Migration and Settlement of Khoi Khoi into South Africa?
	d)	Describe the Social, Political and Economic organization of the Khoi Khoi
	3. a)	What were the origins of the Khoisan?
	b)	Why did the Khoisan migrate in south Africa?
	c)	Describe the migration and settlement of the Khoisan before 1800?
	d)	Describe the social, political and economic organization of the Khoisan?
	4. a)	Account for the Bantu migration into South Africa?
	b)	Describe the economic, political and social organization of the Bantu?
	c)	Describe the course of Bantu migration and settlement in south Africa?
	5. a)	Why did the Nguni-Tsonga bantu speaking people migrate?
	b)	Describe their course into south Africa?
	c)	How did the Bantu relate with the khoi khoi in south Africa?
	d)	What were the effects of Bantu migration into south Africa?
ZONE 2	THE EUROPEAN INTEREST IN SOUTH AFRICA.	

	1. a)	Why did the Dutch settle at the cape between the 16th and 18th centuries?	
	b)	Describe the Dutch rule in the cape colony between 1803 and 1805 .	
	2. a)	What problems did the Dutch settlers face at the cape between 1562 and 1795?	
	b)	Describe the attempts made by the Dutch East Africa company to solve these problems	
	c)	How were these problems solved?	
	3. a)	Describe the role played by van Reinbeck in the establishment of the Dutch colony at the cape	
	b)	How was the colony organized by 1795 ?	
	4. a)	Why was the Dutch east Indian company established in 1652 ?	
	b)	How did the establishment affect the Africans?	
	5. a)	Why did the Dutch establish themselves at the cape in 1652 ?	
	b)	What problems did they face between 1652 and 1700	
	c)	How did the Dutch establish themselves at the cape?	
	6. a)	Describe the expansion of the Dutch cape colony up to the fish river by 1795?	
	b)	How did Jan Van Reinbeck solve the problems of the early Dutch settlers?	
	c)	Or What measures were taken by DEICO to solve the problems faced by early Dutch settlers	
	7. a)	How did the Dutch administer the cape colony up to 1795?	
	b)	What factors led to the expansion of the Dutch cape colony up to the fish river by 1795?	
	c)	How did the expansion affect the people of South Africa?	
	8. a)	What were the Achievements of DEICO by 1795?	
		Or What were the reforms or activities of the DEICO by 1795?	
	b)	Why did the Dutch east African company collapse by 1806?	
	9. a)	Why did the British occupy the cape in 1795?	
	b)	What reforms did they introduce at the cape colony after 1822?	
	c)	How did the British establish themselves at the cape?	
	10. a)	How did Lord Somerset improve on the conditions of Africans?	
		Or How did the British reforms at the cape affect the Africans?	
		Or how did the British reforms affect the status of slaves?	
	b)	How were the Boers affected by the British reforms at the cape?	
	c)	How did the British reforms affect the following groups of people?	
		i) Africans ii) Boers	
	d)	What were the achievements of the Batavian administration or government between 1803 and 1805?	
		Or Describe the reforms at the cape between 1803 and 1805?	

	e)	What factors led to the collapse of the Batavian rule at the cape in 1806?
ZONE 3	THE GREAT TREK, GREAT TREK BATTLES (WARS) AND BOER REPUBLICS	
	1. a)	Explain the causes of the great trek
	b)	Describe the course of the great trek between 1830 and 1843?
	c)	What led the movement of the Boers from the cape into the interior of South Africa?
	2. a)	Explain the causes of the 1836 battle of Masega/Vegkop?
	b)	What effects did this battle have on the people of south Africa?
	c)	What were the causes of the battle of the Blood River or Ncome?
	d)	How did the Battle affect the Boers and Africans in south Africa?
	e)	What problems were faced by the Boer trekkers?
	3. a)	Explain the origins of the Boers republic of Natal?
	b)	Why did the British occupy or annex Natal in 1843?
	c)	How was the Boer republic of Natal established?
	d)	What were the results of this annexation?
	e)	Why did the Boers leave Natal for the interior of south Africa?
	4. a)	How was the Boer state of Orange free state established?
	b)	Why did the British occupy Orange free state?
	c)	What were the consequences of this annexation?
	5. a)	Why did the British annex Transvaal in 1877?
		How was the Boers state of Transvaal established?
	b)	How did this annexation affect the following? (i) Boers (ii) Africans
ZONE 4	MFECANE PERIOD AND NATION BUILDING IN SOUTH AFRICA	
	1. a)	What were the causes of the great Mfecane?
		Or Why did the Eastern Bantu tribes conflict amongst themselves by 1830?
	b)	Describe the course of the Mfecane
	c)	Explain the effect of the Mfecane on the people of South Africa.
	2. a)	Describe the career and achievements of Dingiswayo in the Mthethwa state
	b)	What problems did Dingiswayo face in the Mthethwa state?
	c)	Why did the Mthethwa state collapse by the 19 th Century?
	3. a)	Describe the origins of the Zulu state.
	b)	Who was Shaka?
	c)	What factors led to growth of the Zulu kingdom?
	d)	What changes occurred in the Zulu nation between 1800-1828?

	e)	Describe shaka's administrative and military reforms/changes in the Zulu state.
	f)	Describe the political, social and economic organization of the Zulu state.
	g)	How did Shaka improve upon Dingiswayo's reforms?
	4. a)	Describe the career and achievements of Dingane in the Zulu Kingdom.
	b)	What problems did Dingane face in the Zulu state?
	5. a)	Explain the achievements of Mpande in the Zulu Kingdom.
	b)	What problems did Mpande face in the Zulu state?
	6. a)	Describe the career and contributions of Cetewayo for the Zulu Kingdom.
	b)	Explain the problems that Cetewayo faced in the Zulu state.
	c)	How did Cetewayo solve the above problems?
	d)	Explain the factors that led to the disintegration (division/collapse) of the Zulu state by the 19 th Century
	7. a)	What were the origins of the Basuto/Sotho/Basotho nation? Or How was the Basuto state established?
	b)	Explain the factors led to growth of the Basuto nation?
	c)	Describe the organization of the Sotho nation in the 19 th century
	8. a)	What changes were made by Mosheshe in the administration of the Basuto nation between 1815-1868?
	b)	What problems did the Basuto/Mosheshe face in the same period?
	c)	How did Mosheshe try to solve the above problems?
	9. a)	Describe the relationship between Mosheshe and Europeans.
	b)	Why did the Basuto state decline by the 19 th Century?
	c)	Explain the contribution of Mosheshe to Basutoland 1820 – 1870.
	10. a)	Describe the origin of the Swazi state. Or How was the Swazi nation established?
	b)	What led to the rise of the Swazi nation during the 18 th Century?
	11. a)	Explain the political, social and economic organization of the Swazi state.
	b)	Why was the Swazi nation able to survive up to 1870?
	12. a)	What methods did Sobhuza I use to build the Swazi nation?
	b)	Explain problems faced by the Swazi during the 19 th century.
	13. a)	What changes did King Mswati introduce in the Swazi state?
	b)	Describe the relationship between king Mswati and Europeans between 1840 and 1868
	14. a)	How did Swaziland become a British protectorate?
	b)	Why did the British annex Swaziland in 1902? Or Why did Swaziland loose her independence to the British in

		1902?
ZONE 5	AFRICAN RESPONSE TOWARDS COLONIAL RULE OR WHITES	
	1. a)	Explain the factors that led to the Kaffir wars during 2 nd half of the 18 th century?
	b)	How did these wars affect the peoples of south Africa?
	2. a)	What steps did the British take to end the Kaffir wars ?
	b)	Describe the course of the Kaffir wars
	c)	Why were the Africans defeated in the Kaffir wars ?
	3. a)	Explain the causes of the Anglo-Zulu war of 1879 ?
	b)	Describe the course of the Anglo-Zulu war of 1879 ?
	c)	What were the effects of the Anglo- Zulu war of 1879 ?
	d)	Why were the Zulu defeated?
	4. a)	Why did the Africans resist against the British rule in 1906 ?
		OR What were the causes of the Bambatha rebellion of 1906?
	b)	Describe the course of this rebellion of 1906 ?
	c)	What were the effects of the Bambatha rebellion .
	d)	Why were the Zulu defeated by the British?
	5. a)	Why did the Africans conflict with the whites between 1880 and 1881 ?
	b)	How did this war affect the Basuto?
	c)	Why were the Basuto able to defeat the British?
	d)	Describe the course of Anglo-Basuto war between 1880 and 1881?
	6. a)	Why did the Bapedi (Pedi) resist against the whites between 1861 and 1879?
	b)	Describe the course of this war?
	c)	How did this resistance affect the people of south Africa?
	7. a)	Why did the people of South west Africa (Namibia) rebel against Germans in 1904?
	b)	What were the effects of this rebellion?
	c)	Why were the Nama and Herero defeated?
ZONE 6	MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA?	
	1. a)	Why did Christian missionaries come to south Africa during the 19 century?
	b)	How did their activities affect the people of South Africa?
	c)	Describe the activities of Christian missionaries during the 19 th century?
	d)	Explain the contribution of missionaries to the development of South Africa?

	e)	What problems did the missionaries face in South Africa?
	2. a)	Why were Dutch reformed churches formed?
	b)	Explain the contribution of DRC (Dutch reformed churches) in promoting Christianity in South Africa?
	3. a)	Explain the role of DRC in the development of south Africa?
	b)	How did the DRC affect the following people? i) Africans ii) Dutch
	c)	Why were the African Independence churches formed?
	d)	Describe the activities of Africa Independence churches
	e)	Explain the contribution of Africa Independent churches in promoting Christianity in South Africa?
	4. a)	Explain the role of Africa Independent churches to the development of South Africa?
	b)	Describe the role played by the following Missionaries in the history of south Africa? 1) Van Der Kemp ii) Dr. John Phillip
	c)	Explain problems did the African independent churches face in South Africa?
	d)	What contributions did the African independent churches make in the history of South Africa?
ZONE 7	MINERAL DISCOVERY AND ANGLO-BOER RELATIONS	
	1. a)	Describe the conditions of the people of South Africa before mineral discovery.
	b)	Explain the effect of mineral discovery on the whites.
	2.	How did the Mineral discovery in South Africa affect the following? (a) The Africans (b) The British-Boer relations between 1867 and 1910
	3.	Explain the effects of the discovery of minerals in South Africa between 1867 and 1910 on the; a) Africans b) Whites
	4. a)	Describe the economic developments in South Africa between 1867 and 1910.
	b)	How did these developments affect the peoples of South Africa?
	5. a)	What were the political, economic and social changes that took place in South Africa between 1867 and 1910?
	b)	How did these changes affect the British –Afrikaner relationship?
	6. a)	What were the main economic activities in South Africa between 1867 and 1910?
	b)	What were the effects of these activities on the Africans?

		ANGLO_BOER WARS AND TREATIES IN SOUTHAFRICA
	7. a)	Why did Paul Kruger conflict with the British between 1880 and 1881? Or What were the causes of the first Anglo-Boer war in 1880?
	b)	What were the effects of this war?
	8. a)	What led to the outbreak of 1899-1902 second Anglo-Boer war?
	b)	What were the results of the war?
	9. a)	Why was there the Anglo-Boer War of 1899 -1902?
	b)	What were the results of this war?
	10. a)	Explain the causes of the Jameson raid of 1895.
	b)	What led to the failure of the Jameson raid of 1895?
	c)	How did the above raid affect the people of South Africa?
		TREATIES IN SOUTH AFRICA
	11. a)	Why was the Pretoria treaty signed in 1881?
	b)	Describe the terms of the Pretoria treaty of 1881.
	c)	How did the above treaty affect the people of South Africa?
	12. a)	Explain the reasons for the signing of the Vereeniging peace treaty in 1902.
	b)	What were the terms of the Vereeniging peace treaty?
	c)	How did the Vereeniging peace treaty affect the Whites and blacks?
	13. a)	Why was the national convention of 1908 called at Durban?
	b)	Explain the terms of the National convention of 1908.
	c)	What were the results of this conference?
	14. a)	How did the Boers and British solve their problems at the National Covenant of 1908?
	b)	What problems had prevented the Union of the Boers and the British before 1908?
	15. a)	What led to the signing of the act of union in 1910?
	b)	Explain the terms of the 1910 South African Act of Union.
	c)	What were the results of this union for the Africans in South Africa?
	16. a)	What led to the formation of the union government of 1910?
	b)	What problems hindered the union attempts before 1902?
		THE FEDERATION SCHEME
	7. a)	What led to the federation of South African states in 1874?
		Why did the federation scheme fail before 1880s?
	8. a)	What were the reasons for sir George Grey's federation scheme?
	b)	Why did his attempts to federate South Africa fail?


	c)	What delayed the union of the British and the Boers after 1900?
	9. a)	Why was the union of South Africa formed in 1910?
	b)	Explain the terms of the 1910 South African Act of Union.
	c)	What were the results of this union for the Africans in South Africa?
	d)	What led to the formation of the union government of 1910?
	e)	What problems hindered the union attempts before 1902? (13mks)
ZONE 8		THE APARTHEID POLICY AND THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM IN SOUTH AFRICA
	1. a)	How was Apartheid policy applied or adopted in south Africa between 1948 and 1990?
	b)	What were the effects of this policy on Africans?
	c)	Why was the policy of Apartheid introduced in South Africa in 1948?
	d)	Explain the role of the following to the History of South Africa?
		i) Albert Luthuli ii) Chief Robert Sobukwe
	2. a)	What role did the frontline States play to the struggle against Apartheid in South Africa?
	b)	What problems did Nationalist face during this struggle?
	c)	Why did the policy of apartheid decline in 1994?
	d)	How did the South African government apply Apartheid policy in the following areas between 1910 and 1966? i) Education ii) Land ownership iii) Employment iv) Judiciary .
	e)	Why was the African National Congress formed in 1935?
	3. a)	Explain the role of ANC in the liberation of South Africa?
	b)	Why were the Bantustans created in south Africa during the first half of the 20 th century?
	c)	How did the creation of Bantustans affect the people of South Africa
	d)	What were the failures of the Bantustans?
	4. a)	How did the Africans in South Africa react towards the Apartheid policy?
	b)	Describe the course of the Defiance Campaign in South Africa
	c)	What were the effects of this Defiance Campaign?
	d)	What were the causes of the Anti-pass campaign of 1960? Or. What were the causes of the Sharpeville massacre of 1960?
	e)	How did this campaign/Sharpeville massacre affect the people of south Africa?

	5. a)	Explain the causes of the 1976 Soweto uprising?
	b)	What were the results of this uprising?
	c)	What role did this the following organizations play in the fight against Apartheid? a) OAU b) UNO c) ANC d) PAC e) Frontline states
		What problems did the above organizations face in south Africa?
	6.	Explain the role played by the following personalities in fight against Apartheid in South Africa? a) Nelson Mandela b) Chief Albert Luthuli c) Dr. Pixely ka Isaka Seme d) Robert Sobukwe e) Steve Biko f) Clement kadalie
	HISTORY OUTSIDE SOUTH AFRICA	
ZONE 9		
	GERMANY RULE IN NAMIBIA OR SOUTH WEST AFRICA.	
	1. a)	How did the Germany acquire or occupy South Africa?
	b)	How did the Germany rule affect South Western Africa up to 1918?
	c)	Why did the Germans occupy South West Africa (Namibia) by 1884?
	2. a)	What problems did Namibia face in the Struggle for Independence?
	b)	Explain the role of Sam Nujoma to this Struggle?
	C)	Why did South Africa take control over South West Africa (Namibia) between 1920 and 1945?
	3. a)	Explain the contribution of SWAPO to the independence struggle in Namibia?
	b)	What problems did SWAPO face?
	C)	Why did Namibia remain under South Africa for so long?
	d)	How did South Africa establish her rule over Namibia?
	c)	Why was Namibia able to attain her independence?
	d)	How did the Namibia attain her independence?
	THE HISTORY OF BECHUANALAND (BOTSWANA)	
	1. a)	Why was Bechuanaland (Botswana) annexed by the British by 1885?
	b)	How did the annexation of Bechuanaland Botswana affect the Africans?
	2. a)	Explain the factors that led to the growth of nationalism in Bechuanaland (Botswana) between 1920 and 1960.
	b)	How did this nationalism affect the history of Bechuanaland?
	3. a)	How did Botswana achieve her independence?

	b)	What role did Seretse Khama play towards the independence of Botswana?

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