**WEEK ONE**

**Rights** are the legal, social, or ethical **entitlements** or **privileges** that a citizen enjoys in a country. These are the freedoms and benefits guaranteed by the constitution.

Rights are things that citizens are entitled to enjoy in the society. Rights that Nigerian citizens enjoy are spelt out in the 1999 Nigerian constitution. They are those privileges guaranteed by the law.

**Examples of Rights:**

1. Right to life
2. Right to freedom of speech
3. Right to education
4. Right to freedom of association
5. Right to fair hearing
6. Right to own property
7. Right to vote and be voted for
8. Right to personal liberty

**Definition of Duties:**

Duties (or responsibilities) are the **obligations or things a citizen is expected to do** for the good of the society and the country. While rights give freedom, **duties require action** and loyalty.

**Types of Rights:**

| **Type of Right** | **Explanation** | **Example** |
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| **Right to Life** | Every citizen has the right to live and not be killed unlawfully. | No one should be killed except by due process of law. |
| **Right to Freedom of Speech** | Citizens are free to express their opinions without fear, as long as it does not incite violence or hatred. | Speaking about government policies or community issues. |
| **Right to Freedom of Association** | Citizens can join or form groups, clubs, unions or political parties. | Joining a school club or political group. |
| **Right to Education** | Every child has the right to attend school and be educated. | Free basic education in public schools. |
| **Right to Vote and Be Voted For** | Citizens have the right to participate in elections and run for public office. | Voting during general elections. |
| **Right to Own Property** | Every person has the right to own land, house or business legally. | Owning a car or a piece of land. |
| **Right to Fair Hearing** | Everyone has the right to be heard and judged fairly in a court of law. | Being given a chance to defend oneself in court. |

**Importance of Rights:**

* Promote **freedom** and **dignity**.
* Allow citizens to **participate** in government.
* Ensure **equality** and **justice**.
* Help protect individuals from **abuse of power**.
* Foster **peaceful coexistence** in society.

**5. Duties and Responsibilities of a Citizen.**

**Some of these are the responsibilities of a citizen.**

* Obeying the laws of the land
* Paying taxes
* Voting during elections
* Defending the country
* Respecting the rights of others
* Promoting peace and unity

**WEEK TWO**

### Definition of Duties

**Duties** are the **responsibilities, obligations, or actions** that a citizen is **expected to perform** for the benefit of the community and the country. These are actions that every citizen must do to promote peace, order, and development in society.

While **rights** are what the government provides for the citizens, **duties** are what citizens are expected to do in return.

**Importance of Performing Duties**

* It promotes law and order.
* It helps the government function properly.
* It leads to national development.
* It protects the rights of everyone.
* It builds good citizenship and patriotism.

**WEEK THREE**

**Rights** are the legal, social, or ethical **entitlements** or **privileges** that a citizen enjoys in a country. These are the freedoms and benefits guaranteed by the constitution WHILE **Duties** are the **responsibilities or obligations** a citizen must perform for the smooth running and development of the country.

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| **RIGHTS** | | **DUTIES** | |
| Rights are **entitlements** or benefits given by the state. | | Duties are **obligations** expected from every citizen | |
| Rights allow a citizen to enjoy **freedom** and protection. | | Duties ensure that a citizen is **responsible** and contributes to national development. | |
| Rights are meant for the **benefit** of the individual. | | Duties are meant for the **benefit** of the country. | |
| Citizens can **go to court** if their rights are denied. | | Citizens may be **punished by law** if they fail to perform their duties. | |
| Examples: Right to life, freedom of speech. | | Examples: Obeying the law, paying taxes. | |

**WEEK FOUR**

### ****Importance of Citizens’ Rights and Duties****

1. **Protection of Individual Freedom:**  
   Citizens' rights such as freedom of speech, movement, and association protect individuals from unfair treatment and oppression.
2. **Equal Treatment Before the Law:**  
   Rights ensure that all citizens are treated equally regardless of tribe, religion, or social status.
3. **Ensures Personal Security and Peace:**  
   Rights such as the right to life and property guarantee citizens’ safety and peace of mind.
4. **Promotes Law and Order:**  
   When citizens obey the law and maintain order, the country becomes safe and peaceful.
5. **Preserves National Unity:**  
   Duties such as respecting national symbols and institutions help citizens feel united and proud of their country.
6. **Builds a Responsible Society:**  
   Performing duties like voting and helping in the community builds responsible and caring citizens.

**WEEK FIVE**

**Objectives of National Consciousness**

**National consciousness** is the awareness that a person belongs to a nation and should work for the unity, peace, and development of the country. It involves being proud of one's country, obeying national laws, respecting national symbols, and promoting values that bring people together.

**National Symbols as Objectives of National Consciousness**

National symbols are official signs, emblems, or objects that represent a country’s identity, values, and history. They play a key role in building **national consciousness** by reminding citizens of their unity, pride, and responsibilities to their country.

### ****Examples of National Symbols in Nigeria****

1. **The National Flag** – It is green-white-green and symbolizes peace and agriculture.
2. **The National Anthem** – A song that shows our loyalty, love, and pride in Nigeria.
3. **The National Pledge** – A promise made by citizens to be loyal and serve Nigeria faithfully.
4. **The Coat of Arms** – Contains symbols of strength, unity, and peace.
5. **The Nigerian Currency (Naira)** – Represents the economy and identity of the country.
6. **The Constitution** – The highest law of the land that guides how Nigeria is governed.
7. **The Nigerian Passport** – Used to identify citizens when traveling to other countries.

### ****How National Symbols Promote National Consciousness****

1. **They Create a Sense of Belonging**
   * Citizens feel proud to belong to one nation when they identify with national symbols.
2. **They Encourage Patriotism**
   * Respecting the flag, singing the national anthem, and saying the pledge show love and loyalty to Nigeria.
3. **They Promote Unity**
   * National symbols remind us that we are one people, despite our differences in tribe or religion.

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Nigerian Flag Coat of Arms Nigerian Currency

**WEEK SIX**

**ANALYSIS OF THE NIGERIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM**

### ****Stanza-by-Stanza Analysis****

#### **Stanza 1:**

* **“Nigeria we hail thee”** – A declaration of respect and patriotic admiration for the nation.
* **“Our own dear native land”** – A personal expression of belonging and attachment to Nigeria.
* **“Though tribe and tongue may differ, in brotherhood we stand”** – Highlights Nigeria’s diversity but emphasizes the importance of unity despite ethnic or linguistic differences.
* **“Proud to serve our sovereign Motherland”** – Shows devotion and willingness to serve the country with pride.

#### **Stanza 2:**

* **“Our flag shall be a symbol that truth and justice reign”** – The flag is portrayed as a representation of national ideals.
* **“In peace or battle honoured”** – The flag and nation should be honoured whether in peace or war.
* **“To hand on to our children a banner without stain”** – Urges current generations to preserve national values and pass on a respected legacy to future generations.

#### **Stanza 3:**

* **A prayer to God** – Begins with a plea to the Creator to help guide the nation.
* **“Help us to build a nation where no man is oppressed”** – Calls for equality, justice, and fairness.
* **“With peace and plenty Nigeria may be blessed”** – Expresses hope for national prosperity and abundance.

**THE NIGERIAN NATIONAL PLEDGE**

**I pledge to Nigeria my country**

**To be faithful, loyal and honest**

**To serve Nigeria with all my strength**

**To defend her unity**

**And uphold her honour and glory**

**So help me God.**

#### **Analysis:**

* **“I pledge to Nigeria my country”** – A personal commitment to the nation.
* **“To be faithful, loyal and honest”** – The moral values expected of every citizen.
* **“To serve Nigeria with all my strength”** – Shows the need for total dedication.
* **“To defend her unity”** – Encourages citizens to promote peace and unity.
* **“Uphold her honour and glory”** – Citizens should act in ways that make the country respected.
* **“So help me God”** – Recognizes the need for divine help in fulfilling these promises.

### ****Importance of the Anthem and Pledge****

* Promote **national pride** and patriotism.
* Remind citizens of their **responsibilities** and **values**.
* Inspire unity, honesty, service, and peace.
* Help **build national identity**.

**WEEK SEVEN**