

SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND CULTURE

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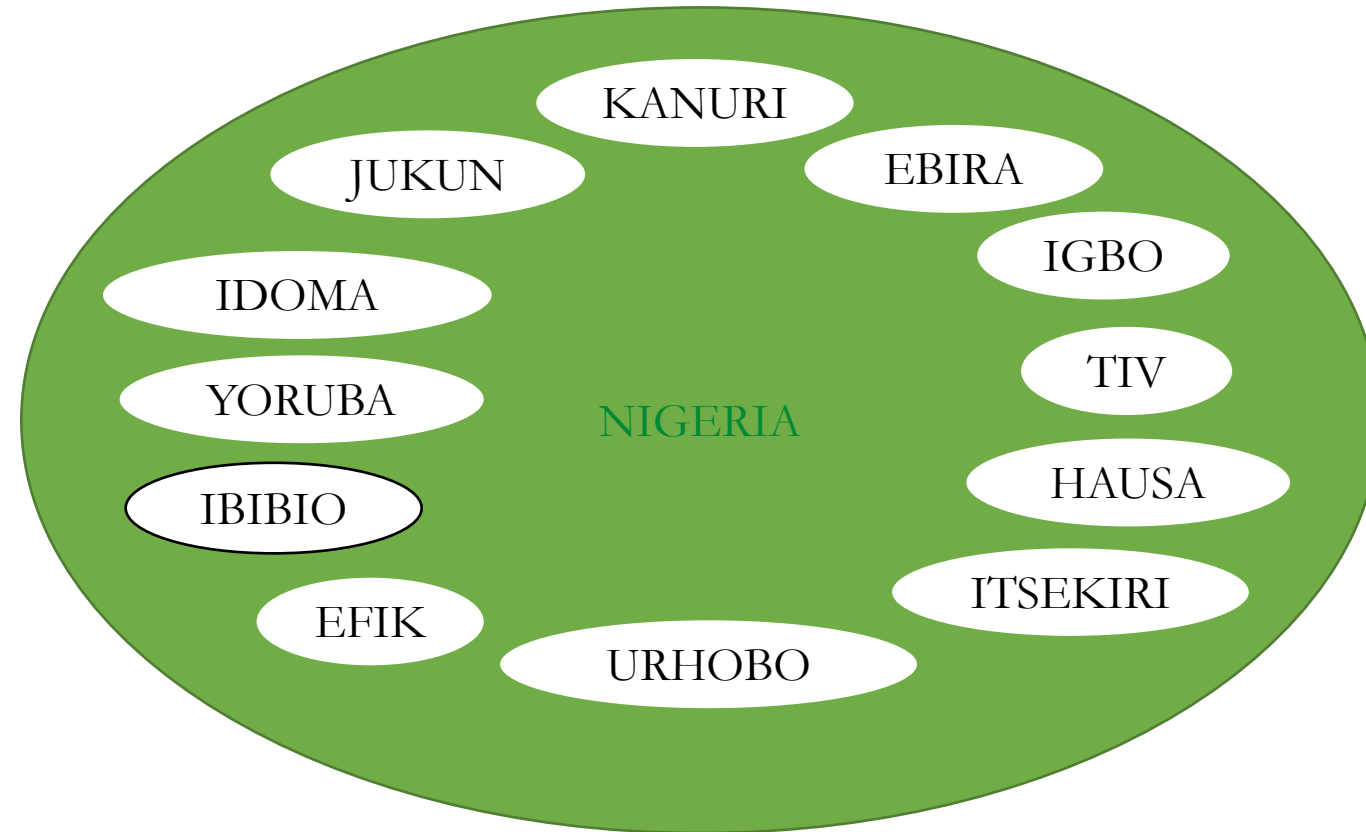


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Concepts in Culture

❑ **Subculture** – is a distinctive culture shared by a group within a larger society. It constitutes of group of people within a given culture that can be differentiated from the parent culture in which they belong in a society. Example, Igbo culture is a sub-culture to the general culture in the Nigerian society.

Subculture



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❑ **Cultural relativism** – this is the uniqueness of the culture of a group which contains peculiar pattern of behaviour which may seem alien to people from other cultural background. For instance, the beating of grooms in the Fulani culture as a test of courage, fearlessness and masculinity falls into this group.

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❑ **Ethnocentrism** was coined by William Graham Sumner in his folkways (1906). This stands for the situation when a group or individual feels their material or non-material culture is better than others e.g. when a Yoruba man feels his language is better spoken than those from other ethnic groups in Nigeria.

Concepts in Culture

❑ **Culture shock** - this is the psychological and social maladjustment at micro or macro level that is experienced for the first time when people encounter new cultural elements such as new things, new ideas, new concepts, seemingly strange beliefs and practices e.g. mini skirt, terrorism, suicide bombers, exposure of women's breasts in the public, etc. are examples of cultural shock to some people in Nigeria.

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1. Explain, what is “social” about social problem?
2. How would you distinguish between social and individual problems?
3. What social problems do you think is prominent in Nigeria? Give reasons for your answer.
4. Write an essay on corruption as a social problem in Nigeria. Identify its causes and possible solutions.
5. Do you agree that examination malpractice is a social problem? Give your reasons.
6. Which of the sociological perspectives do you think has the best interpretation of social problems in Nigeria?
7. Do you think that your culture is better than others? Explain.
8. Write extensively on the cultural life of your ethnic group.
9. Culture is not innate; it is learned. Discuss.
10. Is culture actually necessary? Support your position with practical examples.

GOOD LUCK IN YOUR EXAMINATIONS

QUESTIONS

