HISTORY

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The aim of the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) syllabus in History is to prepare the candidates for the Board's examinations. It is designed to test their achievement of the course objectives, which are to:

- 1. impart knowledge of Nigerian history from earliest times to the present;
- 2. identify the similarities and relationship between the people of Nigeria as they relate to the issues of national unity and integration;
- 3. appropriate African history and Africa's relationship with the wider world;
- 4. analyse issues of modernization and development;
- 5. evaluate the past and relate it to the present and plan for the future.

DETAILED SYLLABUS

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SE	CTION A: NIGERIA UP TO 1800			
1.	Land and People of Nigeria: a. Geographical zones	Candidates should be able to: i. identify the geographical zones and the people within them;		
	b. People within the zonesc. The people's relationship with the environment	ii. establish the relationship between the people and the environment		
2.	Early centres of civilization: a. NOK, Daima, Ife, Benin, Igbo Ukwu and Iwo Eleru	Candidates should be able to: i. examine the significance of various centres; ii. differentiate between the various monuments		
	b. Monuments and shelter system: Kuyambana and Durbi-ta-Kusheyi	ii. differentiate between the various monuments such as caves and huge rocky areas;iii. establish their historical significance.		
3.	Origin and Development of Nigerian states and societies	Candidates should be able to:		
	a. Central Sudan – Hausa, Fulani and Kanuri	i. relate the different groups of people occupying the various zones to their traditions of origin;		
	b. Niger/Benue valley – Nupe, Jukun, Igala, Idoma, Tiv and Ebira	ii. determine their inter-group relations;		
		iii. account for their economic, social and political		

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	c.	Eastern forest Belt – Igbo and Ibibi	organizations.
	d.	Western forest Belt – Yoruba and Edo	
	e.	Coastal and Niger–Delta - Efik, Ijo Itsekiri and Urhobo	
		i. Factors influencing their origin and migrationii. Economic, social and	
		political organizations iii. Inter-group relations, war, peace, trade and religion.	
4.	Eco a.	onomic Activities: Agriculture – hunting, farming, fishing, animal husbandry and horticulture	
	a.	Industries – pottery, salt-making, iron-smelting, blacksmithing, leather working, wood-carving, clothmaking, dyeing and food processing	iii. relate the trade routes, to their importance to
	b.	Trade and trade routes:- local, regional, long distance, including trans-Sahara trade?	
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5.		ternal Influences:	Candidates should be able to:
	a.	Europeans: i. early European trade with the coastal states.	i. examine the impact of early European contact with the coastal people;
		ii. early Christian missionary activities.	ii. assess the early Christian missionary activities;
		iii. the trans-Atlantic slave tra (origin, organization and impact)	le iii. trace the origin, organization and impact of the trans-Atlantic slave trade;
	b.	Arabs i. introduction, spread and impact of Islam; ii. trans-Saharan trade.	iv. assess their impact;v. assess the impact of Arab contact on the people South of the Sahara.

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SE	CCTION B: NIGERIA 1800 - 1900	
1.	The Sokoto Caliphate a. The Sokoto Jihad – causes, courses and consequences.	Candidates should be able to: i. examine the causes, courses and consequences of the Jihad;
	b. The rise of the caliphate	ii. determine the factors that led to the rise of the caliphate;
	c. The administration of the caliphate and relations with neighbours.	iii. examine the administrative set-up of the caliphate and its relations with its neighbours;
	d. Intellectual activities in the caliphate	iv. examine the significance of the writing of the jihadists;
	e. The collapse of the caliphate	v. trace the internal and external factors that led to the collapse.
2.	Kanem-Borno a. The collapse of the Saifawa dynasty	Candidates should be able to: i. determine the factors that led to the collapse of the Saifawa dynasty;
	b. Borno under the Shehus	ii. examine Borno under the administration of the Shehus;
	c. Borno under Rabe	iii. assess the role of Rabeh in Borno's history.
3.	Yorubaland: a. The fall of the Old Oyo Empire	Candidates should be able to: i. examine the causes of the fall of the Old Oyo;
	b. The Yoruba wars and their impact	ii. examine the causes and effects of the Yoruba wars:
	c. The peace treaty of 1886 and its aftermath	iii. assess the impact of the 1886 peace treaty.
4.	Benin a. Internal political development	Candidates should be able to: i. examine the internal political development;
	b. Relations with neighbours	ii. establish her relations with her neighbours;
	c. Relations with the Europeans	iii. assess her relationship with the Europeans.
5.	European Relations with Nigeria: a. The suppression of the trans-Atlantic slave trade.	Candidates should be able to: i. give reasons for the suppression of the trans-Atlantic slave trade;
	b. The development of commodity trade and rise of consular authority.	ii. trace the development of commodity trade;
	c. Christian missionary activities.	iii. examine missionary and European activities in the area;

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	d.	Impact of European activities on the coast and the hinterland.	iv.	account for the rise of consular authority.
6.	The	e British Conquest of Nigeria: Motives for the conquest	Can i.	didates should be able to: determine the reasons for the conquest and the method used;
	b.	Methods of the conquest and its result.		
	c.	Resistance to and aftermath of the conquest.	ii.	evaluate the results of and the reactions to the conquest.
SE	CTIO	ON C: NIGERIA 1900 – 1960		
1.		e Establishment of Colonial ministration up to 1914:	Can	didates should be able to:
	a.	Administration of the protectorates	i.	examine the administrative set-up of the protectorates;
	b.	Local administration, forced labour, foreign currency, taxation and monetization	ii.	examine the system of administration with emphasis on forced labour, foreign currency, taxation and monetization.
2.	The	e Amalgamation of 1914:	Can	didates should be able to:
	a.	Reasons	i.	examine the reasons for the 1914 Amalgamation
	b.	Effects		and its effects.
3.	Colonial Administration after the Amalgamation:		Can	didates should be able to:
	a.	Central Administration:- Legislative and Executive Councils	i.	relate the composition of the central administrative set-up to its consequences;
	b.	Indirect Rule – reasons, working and effects	ii. iii.	identify the reasons for the introduction and workings of the indirect rule system; assess the effects of indirect rule;
	c.	Local government institutions, native authorities, native courts and native treasuries.	111.	assess the effects of multeet fulle,
	d.	Protest against colonial rule – Ekumeku Movement in Asaba hinterland 1898 – 1911, the Satiru uprising 1906, Egba and the Anti-tax Agitation 1918, the rising in Okeho and Iseyin 1918, Warri Tax Revolt in 1927 -28, Aba Women Movement in 1929 and the Water Rate Agitation in	iv.	account for the anti-colonial movements; examine their significance.

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4.	 iv. The Colonial Economy: a. Transportation b. Agriculture c. Mining d. Industry e. Commerce f. Banking. 	Candidates should be able to: i. examine the nature of the economy as it affects transportation, agriculture, mining, industry, commerce and banking.
5.	Social Development under Colonial Rule: a. Western education b. Urbanization c. Improvement unions d. Health institutions	Candidates should be able to: i. identify the areas of social development under colonial rule; ii. examine the impact of social development on the people;
6.	 Nationalism and Constitutional Development: a. The rise of nationalist movements; b. The 1922 Clifford Constitution and the rise of Nigeria's first political parties. c. The Richards Constitution of 1946 d. The Macpherson Constitution of 1951. e. Party politics – regionalism, federalism and minorities agitations. f. The dawn of independence the Littleton Constitution of 1954, constitutional conference in Lagos in 1957; and g. In London in 1958, the general elections of 1959 and independence 	 i. trace the emergence of the nationalist movement; ii. assess the roles of the different constitutions in constitutional development; iii. determine the factors that aided the attainment of independence; iv. examine the impact of the constitutions on the people; v. trace the development of party politics and its impact; vi. examine the 1945 constitutional conference.
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	SECTION D: NIGERIA SINCE INDEPENDENCE	
1.	The politics of the First Republic and Military intervention	Candidates should be able to:
	a. Struggle for the control of the centre;	give reasons behind the struggle for the control of the centre;
	b. Issue of revenue allocation	ii. account for the controversies in revenue allocation;
	c. The 1962/63 census controversies	iii. account for the controversies generated by the 1962/63 census and the Action Group crisis;
	d. The Action Group crisis	iv. provide reasons behind military intervention;
	e. Military intervention – reasons and significance of the Ironsi Regime	v. assess the significance of military intervention and the role of the military under Ironsi.
2.	The Civil War:	Candidates should be able to
	Causes and effects a. Causes	i. examine the remote and immediate causes of the war;
	b. Courses	ii. assess the effects of the war;
	c. Effects	iii. examine the courses.
3.	 The Gowon Regime: a. Reconstruction, Reconciliation, Rehabilitation. b. The era of oil boom, social and economic development c. State creation d. The fall of Gowon 	Candidates should be able to: i. examine the effects of Gowon's plans to reintegrate the East; ii. account for the economic and social development during the oil boom; iii. give reasons for the creation of states; iv. examine the reasons for and the effects of the overthrow of Gowon.
4.	Murtala/Obasanjo Regime	Candidates should be able to: i. assess the achievements of the Murtala/Obasanjo Regime;
5.	The Second Republic	Candidates should be able to: i. evaluate the legacies of the Shagari Administration
6.	The Buhari Regime	Candidates should be able to: i. assess the achievements of Nigeria under Buhari

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7.	The Babangida Regime	Candidates should be able to: i. assess the strengths and weaknesses of the Babangida era;
		ii. examine the transition programme under Babangida.
8.	The Interim National Government (ING)	Candidates should be able to:
	(IIVO)	i. examine the role of the interim National Government in the history of Nigeria.
9.	The Abacha and Abdulsalami Regimes	Candidates should be able to: i. assess the role of the Abacha and Abdulsalami regimes in the history of Nigeria.
10	Nigeria's role in conflict resolution, ECOMOG in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea.	Candidates should be able to: i. identify the West African states that benefited from Nigeria's military assistance;
		ii. examine the impact of Nigeria's role in ECOMOG.
11.	Nigeria in International Organization; AU, ECOWAS, UN, the Commonwealth of Nations and OPEC	Candidates should be able to: i. assess the role of Nigeria in the formation of AU and ECOWAS;
		ii. examine the benefits accruing to Nigeria as a member of the U.N, Commonwealth and OPEC.
PAR	T II: AFRICA AND THE WIDER WORLD SINCE 1800	
SECT	ION A: WEST AND NORTH AFRICA	
1.	Islamic Reform Movements and State Building in West Africa:	Candidates should be able to:
	a. Relationship between Sokoto and other Jihads.	i. establish the relationship between the Sokoto Jihad and other Jihads in West Africa;
	b. The Jihads of Seku Ahmadu and Al- Hajj Umar	ii. compare the achievements of the Jihads of Seku Ahmadu and Al-Hajj Umar;
	c. The activities of Samori Toure	iii. assess the significance of the literary works of the period;iv. examine the activities of Samori Toure of the Madinka Empire.

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2.	Christian missionary activities in West Africa	Candidates should be able to:
	a. The foundation of Sierra Leone and Liberia and the spread of Christianity	i. determine the factors that led to founding of Sierra Leone and Liberia;
	b. The impact of Christian Missionary activities.	ii. examine the importance of Sierra Leone and Liberia in the spread of Christianity;
		iii. assess the impact of Christian missionary activities in West Africa.
3.	Egypt under Mohammed Ali and Khedive Ismail:	Candidates should be able to:
a	a. The rise of Mohammad Ali and his reforms	i. determine the factors that aided Mohammad Ali's rise to power and his reforms;
b	o. Mohammad Ali's relations with the Europeans	ii. establish the relationship between Mohammad Ali's Empire and the Europeans;
c	e. Ismail's fiscal policies	iii. account for the fiscal policies of Ismail;
Ċ	I. The British occupation of Egypt	iv. examine the reasons for the British occupation of Egypt.
4.	The Maghrib and European incursion:	Candidates should be able to:
a	a. Turkish rule in the Maghrib	i. determine the factors that led to Turkish rule in the Maghrib;
b	 French occupation of Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco 	ii. give reasons for the French occupation of Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco;
c	e. Italy in Libya	iii. account for Italian presence in Libya;
Ċ	Maghribian reaction to European rule	iv. assess the Maghribians reaction to European rule.
5.	The Mahdi and Mahdiyya Movement in the Sudan	Candidates should be able to:
	a. Causes b. Courses c. Consequences	i. examine the causes, courses and consequences of the Mahdiyya Movement in the Sudan

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SE	SECTION B: EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA					
1.	The Omani Empire		Can	didates should be able to:		
	a.	Sayyid Sa'id and the rise of the Omani Empire	i.	determine the factors that led to the rise of the Omani Empire;		
	b.	The empire's commercial and political relations with the coast and the hinterland.	ii.	establish commercial and political relations between the Omani Empire, the coast and the hinterland;		
	c.	The Empire's relations with the	iii.	examine the relationship that existed between the Omani Empire and the Europeans.		
		Europeans	Can	didates should be able to:		
2.	Bu	ganda in the 19 th century	i.	give reasons for the British occupation of		
	a.	The British occupation of Buganda	1.	Buganda and show the effect of religion had on the politics of Buganda.		
	b.	Religious politics				
3.	E4l	niopia in the 19 th century	Candidates should be able to:			
3.	a.	The rise of Theodore II and his attempt at the unification of Ethiopia	i.	examine the factors that led to the rise of Theodore II as the Emperor of Ethiopia;		
	b.	Menelik II and the survival of Ethiopian independence.	ii.	analyse the strategies that were adopted to achieve Ethiopian unification.		
			iii.	assess the effects of Menelik II in the survival of Ethiopian independence		
4.	Th (a. b.	e Mfecane: The rise of Zulu nations Courses and consequences of the Mfecane	Can i. ii. iii.	didates should be able to: trace events in Nguniland before the Mfecane; determine for the factors that led to the rapid rise of Shaka. examine the courses and consequences of the Mfecane.		
5.	Th	e Great Trek	Can	didates should be able to:		
	a.	The frontier wars	i.	determine the factors that led to the frontier wars;		
	b.	British intervention in the Boer African relations	ii.	account for British intervention in the Boer- African relations;		
	c.	The Great Trek and its consequences.	iii.	describe the nature of the Great Trek;		
			iv.	examine its consequences.		

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SECTION C: THEMES IN AFRICAN HISTORY SINCE THE SCRAMBLE			
1. The new imperialism, the partition and the European occupation of Africa	Candidates should be able to:		
a. Causes of the scramble	i. examine the causes of the scramble;		
b. The Berlin Conference	ii. account of the decision reached at the Berlin Conference and its aftermath.		
c. The occupation and the reaction of Africans.	iii. examine African reaction to the occupation.		
	Candidates should be able to:		
2. Patterns of colonial rule in Africa:	i commons the netterns of colonial rule by the		
a. The British	compare the patterns of colonial rule by the various European powers.		
b. The French			
c. The Portuguese			
d. The Belgians			
3. The Politics of decolonization	Candidates should be able to:		
Colonial policies and African discontent	i. examine the policies employed by the colonial masters;		
b. The impact of the two world wars	ii. show the magnitude of African discontent;		
c. Nationalist activities and the emergence	iii. assess the impact of the First and Second World Wars on African nationalism,		
of political parties and associations	iv. determine the strategies used in the attainment		
c. Strategies of attaining independence	of independence.		
	Candidates should be able to:		
4. Apartheid	i. trace the origin of apartheid in South Africa;		
a. Prelude to apartheid			
b. Rise of Afrikaner nationalism	ii. give reasons for the rise of Afrikaner nationalism;		
c. Enactment of apartheid laws	iii. describe how apartheid laws were enacted;		
d. Internal reaction and the suppression of African nationalist movements	iv. relate the internal reaction to apartheid to the African struggle for majority rule;		
e. External reaction to apartheid, AU, the	v. relate the contributions of African states and		

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		Commonwealth of Nations, UN and the frontline states.		international organizations to the fight against apartheid;
	f.	The dismantling of apartheid	vi.	identify the steps taken towards the dismantling of apartheid in South Africa;
	g.	Post-apartheid development	vii.	assess the post-apartheid development in South Africa.
			Can	didates should be able to:
5.	Pro	Political and economic constraints	i.	examine the political and economic problems faced by African countries in nation-building;
	b.	Ethnic and religious pluralism	ii.	determine the role of ethnic and religious problems in African;
	c.	Military intervention and political instability.	iii.	examine the role of the military in African politics;
	d.	Neo-colonialism and under development.	iv.	examine the role of neo-colonialism in Africa;
	e.	Boundary disputes and threat to African unity	v.	assess the problems of boundary disputes;
	f.	Civil wars and the refuge problem.	vi.	establish the relationship between refuge problems and civil wars in Africa

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