

# NIGERIA INTRODUCTION TO THE LEGAL SYSTEM OF NIGERIA

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**What is the overview of Nigerian legal system?** Nigeria has a mixed legal system comprising of English common law, Sharia and customary law. The 1999 Constitution, is the supreme law of Nigeria, prevailing over all other sources; Laws that are inconsistent with the Constitution are void as to the extent of the inconsistency.

**When was law introduced in Nigeria?** The British government made Lagos a colony in 1862, introducing English laws which were to be administered by some established courts. The first supreme court was established in 1863 by the Supreme Court Ordinance 1863.

**Why is the Nigeria legal system difficult to operate?** Nigeria operates a plural legal system. The laws are derived from English, Customary and Islamic Laws. As a result of this complex mixture of laws operating within the same system, it makes the implementation of laws difficult as it is sometimes not always clear which law should apply in a given situation.

**What is the justice system like in Nigeria?** Today, Nigeria uses a tripartite system of criminal law and justice: the Criminal Code (based on English Common Law and legal practice); the Penal Code (based on Maliki Law and a Muslim system of law and justice); and Customary Law (based on the customs and traditions of the people).

**What are the challenges of the Nigerian legal system?** These problems, some of which have been traced to criminal institutions and the law itself, are congestion of courts workloads, delay in dispensation of justice, abuse of the processes and

inefficiency by the practitioners and/or law enforcement personnel, delay issuance of Attorney General's Copy of legal advice and ...

**What are the legal issues in Nigeria?** Highlights from the 2023 study The most common legal problem categories experienced by Nigerians include disputes with neighbours, domestic violence, land disputes, crime, and housing problems. Approximately 86% of Nigerians with a legal problem take some form of action to address their most serious problem.

**What is the main source of law in Nigeria?** Basically, the sources of the Nigerian Legal system include the received English law, Nigerian Legislations, Islamic law, customary law and Case law. The stand of case law is however subject to debate.

**What is the 5 importance of rule of law in Nigeria?** BENEFITS OF THE RULE OF LAW (3) It guarantees the protection of an individual human rights. (4) It will guarantee the independence of the judiciary as the custodian and interpreter of the country's constitution. (5) The rule of law will promote steady progress in the society and stabilize peace in the highest order.

**What is historical theory of law in Nigeria?** Historical Theory of Law The theory is of the view that law should be made in accordance with the custom of the people. This custom, referred to as *volksgeist*, is the spirit of the people and what binds them together.

**What are the problems with the court system in Nigeria?** These challenges include: Delay in Trials, Executive High Handedness and Lawlessness, Corruption, Insufficient Funding and Financial Dependence on the executive Arm of Government, Ethno religious bias and Justice Compromise, Dependence of the Executive Arm of Government for Justice Enforcement, internal interference, ...

**Is law hard in Nigeria?** As stated earlier, Law is a very demanding course. It is all about learning and you'll have a lot of voluminous books to read to get good grades. Don't let it scare you, just prepare yourself and avoid distractions. Don't be deceived about free education you probably enjoyed at secondary school.

**What are the 4 types of legal systems?** There are five basic types of legal systems in the world. They are civil law, common law, customary law, religious law, and

hybrid or mixed systems. Today, mixed or hybrid systems are common. Because each system varies by country, this chapter will focus on the characteristic traits of each kind of system.

**What is the idea of the Nigerian legal system?** The Nigerian legal system refers to the totality of laws in Nigeria and the machinery through which these laws are enforced. It has been said that all the laws in a legal system are based on a fundamental norm from which they get their validity. This is referred to as the grundnorm.

**Who enforces the law in Nigeria?** The Executive arm is responsible for implementing the laws made by the Legislature and enforcing same, the Legislature is responsible for making the laws, and the Judiciary is responsible for interpreting the law.

**What are the major problems facing the Nigerian criminal justice system?** Criminal justice systems often suffer from a compartmentalization and lack of integration of the different components of the criminal justice chain, as well as a lack of coordination and collaboration with other sectors essential to ensuring integration responses to crime and violence such as the health, education and ...

**Which human rights can be violated in Nigeria?**

**What are the barriers to access to justice in Nigeria?**

**What are the major problems of government in Nigeria?** Corruption pervades the daily lives of Nigerians. Many government institutions do not adequately engage with citizens or the private sector and lack the capacity to carry out their mandates. Further, civil society lacks both the capacity and the resources to effectively engage with government and advocate for change.

**What are the main laws in Nigeria?**

**Does Nigeria have strict laws?** Freedoms of speech, expression, and the press are constitutionally guaranteed. However, these rights are limited by sedition, criminal defamation, and so-called false-news laws. Sharia (Islamic law) statutes in 12 northern states impose severe penalties for alleged press offenses.

**Why is law important in Nigeria?** Law is a system of rules and regulations that are enforced through social and governmental institutions. It is the backbone of any functioning society and provides a framework for resolving disputes, maintaining order, and protecting individual rights (Baumeister, 1998).

**Who introduced law in Nigeria?** It derives from the British colonial code introduced by High Commissioner Frederick Lugard, 1st Baron Lugard in 1904, became the Criminal Code of 1916, was included as chapter 42 in the 1958 edition of the Laws of the Federation of Nigeria; until 1959 it only applied to the northern states of Nigeria, but since 1963 it ...

**What is the court system in Nigeria?** Nigeria uses a bench trial system instead, and this is where one person (or in the case of an appeal court, more than one person) sits to hear a case and listens to arguments from both sides and gives a judgement based on the conclusion reached.

**Is Nigeria under Sharia law?** In Nigeria, Sharia has been instituted as a main body of civil and criminal law in twelve Muslim-majority states since 1999, when then-Zamfara State governor Ahmad Sani Yerima began the push for the institution of Sharia at the state level of government.

**What is the principle of legality in Nigeria?** The principle of legality, in criminal law, means that only the law can define a crime and prescribe a penalty (*nullum crimen, nulla poena sine lege*).

**What is the supremacy of the law in Nigeria?** The supremacy of Nigeria's constitutions refers to the principle that the constitution is the highest and supreme law of the land. It means that the provisions of the constitution have binding force on all authorities and individuals throughout the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

**What are the basic principles of rule of law in Nigeria?** The law is applied equally and fairly, so that no one is above the law. The separation of powers between the legislature, the executive and the judiciary. The judicial system is independent and impartial with open justice. The law is made by representatives of the people in an open and transparent way.

**What is the structure of Nigerian court system?** There is the Federal High Court and a high court in each of the 36 states. States are entitled to have a Sharia court of appeal and a customary court of appeal. Judges in the federal courts are appointed by the president on the recommendation of the National Judicial Council and approved by the Senate.

**What is the meaning of Nigerian legal method?** Legal method is the study of law, and the legal methods of doing things, so that law can be effectively used for the benefit of the individual, society and state. Legal method is made up of two words: “legal” and method.

**What are the functions of law in Nigeria?** The functions of law include regulation of public relations, legal security, development of legal awareness, legal culture, and binding of state power to legal norms.

**Is Nigeria legal system customary law?** Customary law refers to the laws which are derived from the customs of the people. While there is no universal definition for it, attempts have been made to decipher its nature. It has been described as a body of customs which regulates the kinds of relationships between members of a community in a traditional setting.

**What is common law in Nigeria?** The common law, on the other hand, is a system based on rules and doctrines developed over time by judges and have now formed precedents that are often binding.

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**What is the legal system in Nigeria?** There are four distinct legal systems in Nigeria, which include English law, Common law, Customary law, and Sharia Law. English law in Nigeria is derived from the colonial Nigeria, while common law is a

development from its post-colonial independence.

**Why is the Nigerian legal system complex?** Despite the influence of English Law, the Nigerian legal system is very complex because of legal pluralism (Dina, Akintayo and Ekundayo, 2005). Islamic / Sharia Customary Law Ethnic customary law, also refers to in the context of the study, applies to various indigenous laws of ethnic groups that make up the country.

**What is the pure theory of law in Nigeria?** In Pure Theory of Law, Kelsen sort to establish that law is a pure or clean concept. As a result, inquiry or study of law should be devoid of any external infiltrations-no moral, psychological, sociological, political, axiological or metaphysical elements should be introduced into the study of law.

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**What are the fundamental laws in Nigeria?** The fundamental rights under the Constitution include; right to life; dignity of human person; liberty, fair hearing; private and family life; freedom of thought, conscience and religion; freedom of expression and press; peaceful assembly and association; movement; freedom from discrimination; right to acquire and own ...

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**Who makes the law in Nigeria?** Legislative power is held by the federal government and the two chambers of the legislature: the House of Representatives and the Senate. The legislative branch of Nigeria is responsible for and possesses powers to legislate laws.

**What are the 7 types of courts in Nigeria?**

### **Maritime English Test (MET): Written Exam Part 1**

The Maritime English Test (MET) is an internationally recognized English language proficiency test specifically designed for seafarers. Part 1 of the written exam assesses basic reading, writing, and grammar skills.

#### **Question 1: Reading**

**Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

- The ship was sailing through a storm. The waves were high and the wind was strong. The captain ordered the crew to batten down the hatches and secure the loose equipment.

#### **Questions:**

- What was the weather like when the ship was sailing?
- What did the captain order the crew to do?

#### **Answers:**

- The weather was stormy, with high waves and strong winds.
- The captain ordered the crew to batten down the hatches and secure the loose equipment.

#### **Question 2: Writing**

**Write a short email to a friend informing them of your plans to go fishing this weekend.**

**Email:**

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Subject: Fishing Trip This Weekend

Hi [Friend's Name],

I'm writing to let you know that I'm planning to go fishing this weekend. I'm thinking of heading to [Location] on Saturday morning. I'd love for you to join me if you're interested.

I'll bring all the necessary gear, including rods, bait, and tackle. We can also stop by the store to pick up some snacks and drinks.

Let me know if you're free and up for it. I hope we have good weather and catch some fish!

Best, [Your Name]

### **Question 3: Grammar**

**Complete the following sentences with the correct forms of the verbs in parentheses.**

- The ship (sail) to port tomorrow.
- The crew (work) on the engine for hours.
- We (not receive) the new charts yet.

### **Answers:**

- The ship will sail to port tomorrow.
- The crew has been working on the engine for hours.
- We have not received the new charts yet.

### **Question 4: Reading**

**Read the following instructions and answer the question that follows.**

- Please report to the muster station immediately.
- Do not bring any personal belongings.



- Remain calm and follow the instructions of the crew.

**Question:**

- What should you not bring with you to the muster station?

**Answer:**

- You should not bring any personal belongings to the muster station.

**Question 5: Writing**

**Write a short paragraph describing the safety equipment on a ship.**

**Paragraph:**

A ship is equipped with various safety equipment to ensure the safety of the crew and passengers. This includes lifeboats and life jackets for emergencies, fire extinguishers to combat fires, first aid kits to treat injuries, and emergency beacons to signal for assistance. The equipment is regularly inspected and maintained to ensure it is in good working order and ready to use when needed.

**What are some good Table Topics for Toastmasters?**

**How to introduce Table Topic in Toastmasters?** Table Topics typically begins after the prepared speech presentations. The Toastmaster will introduce the Topicsmaster, who will give a brief description of Table Topics and then call on respondents at random. Your response should express your thoughts clearly and succinctly, lasting one to two minutes.

**What are Table Topics master Toastmasters?** The Topicsmaster delivers the Table Topics® portion of the meeting, which helps train members to quickly organize and express their thoughts in an impromptu setting. As Topicsmaster, you: Select topics in advance of the meeting that allow speakers to offer opinions.

**How do you prepare for Toastmasters Table Topics contest?**

**What is a good topic for Toastmaster speech?** It's all about you. You might condense decades of interesting events into this one short presentation. Personal

experiences are often the backbone of a successful speech, so expand on one of your own experiences and use it to inform or inspire.

**What are the three golden rules of Toastmasters?** The three rules are know your audience, know your material, and know your passion.

**How do you make a table topic fun?**

**What are the taboo topics in Toastmasters?** Toastmasters International on the whole does not shy away from controversy. The rules don't say to steer clear of politics, sex and religion, although many clubs, especially in countries outside North America, choose to do so.

**What is the rule of three in Toastmasters?** The rule of three is simply the idea that delivering words or concepts in a batch of three makes a particular impact. The effect might be profound ("life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness") or humorous ("He came; he saw; he capitulated").

**How to make Toastmasters fun?** During the meeting, the Toastmaster can insert comments, facts and short stories related to the theme. Members can dress in costume and provide food and decorations for the theme. The Table Topics, and perhaps even the prepared speeches, can revolve around the theme. Have fun creating the fun.

**How do I choose a Toastmasters theme?** To pick a good theme, first identify who your speakers will be. You can contact people individually, request guidance from the VP of Education, or ask for volunteers at the preceding meeting. Ask the speakers what they will be speaking about.

**What are the three pillars of Toastmasters?** This is one reason Toastmasters International lists integrity first in its core values. As Michelle Alba-Lim, DTM, of Sutherlin, Oregon, puts it: "I have come to understand why we state Toastmasters' core values as integrity first. The acronym [for "integrity, respect, service, and excellence"] is 'IRSE'.

**How do you introduce yourself as a Table Topic master?** Good evening, my name is Noelle Hamersley, I am your table topics master for tonight. This is a fun portion of the meeting, it allows us to practice our impromptu speaking skills. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **How do you host Table Topics on Toastmasters?**

**What is the timing for Table Topics Toastmasters?** The timing for a Table Topics session is 1 to 2 minutes. 1 minute is the minimum time, 1:30 minutes is the target time and 2 minutes is the maximum time. Speakers are allowed to speak for a maximum of 2:30 in a Table Topic before being disqualified.

**How do you make a table topic session interesting?** Make it enjoyable Take the pressure off by adding an element of fun. Keep it light and encourage participation. Don't ask questions that might feel uncomfortable, too personal, or extremely difficult to answer. Table Topics are meant to give the speaker time to practice their impromptu speaking.

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## **The Road to Bloody Sunday: The Role of Father Gapon and the Petersburg Massacre of 1905**

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#### **1. Who was Father Gapon and what was his role?**

Father Gapon was an Orthodox priest who led the St. Petersburg Workers' Assembly, a group of workers seeking better working conditions and political reforms. Gapon played a pivotal role in organizing the massive demonstration on January 9, 1905, known as "Bloody Sunday."

#### **2. What was the Petersburg Massacre of 1905?**

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Bloody Sunday was a tragic event in which hundreds of unarmed protesters were killed or wounded when Tsarist troops opened fire on them in St. Petersburg. The massacre sparked widespread outrage and led to the Russian Revolution of 1905.

### **3. How did Father Gapon contribute to the escalation of events?**

Gapon's role in Bloody Sunday is a subject of debate. Some historians believe he was a double agent working for the Tsar's secret police, while others argue that he genuinely believed in the cause of the workers and was manipulated by the government. Regardless of his motives, Gapon's inflammatory speeches and his decision to lead the march directly to the Winter Palace, where the Tsar resided, contributed to the violence.

### **4. What were the consequences of Bloody Sunday?**

The Petersburg Massacre of 1905 had a profound impact on Russian history. It led to the formation of revolutionary organizations and the outbreak of the 1905 Revolution. The massacre also damaged the Tsar's legitimacy and contributed to the growing resentment against the autocratic regime.

### **5. What lessons can be learned from the events of 1905?**

Bloody Sunday highlights the dangers of government suppression and the importance of dialogue and compromise. It also demonstrates how the actions of individuals, such as Father Gapon, can have far-reaching consequences for the course of history. By understanding the events of 1905, we can learn from the mistakes of the past and strive to create a more just and equitable society.

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