



# HISTORY JSS3 DEC 2023

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SUBJECT: HISTORY

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TIME ALLOWED: 60 Mins

INSTRUCTION: Answer all questions by choosing the most correct answer from the options provided.  
All questions carry equal marks.

1. Why was Arabic important in Songhai? (1 Point)

- ☐ A. Everyone spoke it
- ☐ B. Control foreign empires
- ☐ C. It was the language of the law
- ☒ D. All of the above

2. Autobiography should be grouped under  
(1 Point)

- ☐ Basic sources of history
- ☐ Essential sources of history
- ☐ tertiary sources of history

☒ Secondary sources of history

3. History is studied for all these reasons except  
(1 Point)

- ☐ To investigate changes in society and human life
- ☐ To entertain children with stories during moonlight
- ☐ To make good decisions for a better future
- ☒ To understand the present using past events

4. What major geographical feature was just to the north of the Empire of Ghana?  
(1 Point)

- ☒ Sahara Desert
- ☐ Pacific Ocean
- ☐ Niger River
- ☐ Andes Mountains

5. Which two cities did the Songhai Empire conquer? (1 Point)

- ☒ A. Djenne & Timbuktu
- ☐ B. Gao & Songhai
- ☐ C. Taghaza & Gao
- ☐ D. Timbuktu & Dnee

6. It is an advanced stage of human development that is characterized by writing, the building of cities and a centralized government, and several others. (1 Point)

- ☐ culture
- ☐ civilization
- ☒ historical development
- ☐ Age of Metal

7. Past events are normally analyzed for the purpose of improving the society by (1 Point)

- ☒ Historians
- ☐ Archaeologists
- ☐ Paleontologists
- ☐ Cryptographers

8. Otherwise known as the New Stone Age, it was the time when man learned how to produce his own food through farming. (1 Point)

- ☐ Paleolithic Period
- ☒ Neolithic Period
- ☐ Mesolithic Period
- ☐ Age of Metal

9. All these were major reason for the amalgamation of Nigerian territories except (1 Point)

- ☐ To ease administration
- ☐ To accelerate development of Nigeria
- ☒ To promote slave trade
- ☐ To reduce cost of administration

10. Which leader brought Islamic scholarship and law to Songhai? (1 Point)

- ☐ A. Sunni Ali
- ☐ B. Askia Muhammad
- ☒ C. Mansa Musa
- ☐ D. Sundiata

11. Who invaded Ghana (1 Point)

- ☒ Muslims
- ☐ Christians
- ☐ Jews
- ☐ Buddhists

12. The religion that gained entrance into West Africa through trans-Saharan trade is (1 Point)

- ☐ Christianity
- ☐ Traditional religion
- ☐ Hindu
- ☒ Islam

13. What was the capital city of the Empire of Ghana? (1 Point)

- ☐ Cairo
- ☒ Komble saleh
- ☐ Mogadishu
- ☐ Addis Ababa

14. Archaeological discoveries can be classified under (1 Point)

- ☐ Social history
- ☒ Primary source of history
- ☐ Secondary source of history
- ☐ Oral history

15. An historical site named after a river, and also after a Yoruba goddess is (1 Point)

- ☒ A. Osun Oshogbo Scared Grove
- ☐ B. Oranmiyan staff

- ☐ C. Ogiso Shrine
- ☐ D. Ogun Spring

16. What helped trade grow in the Sahara? (1 Point)

- ☐ Camels
- ☐ Ox
- ☐ Niger River
- ☒ Foreign Traders

17. What did 'ghana' mean in the language of the people of Ghana? (1 Point)

- ☐ Beautiful land
- ☐ High desert
- ☐ Land of the trees
- ☒ Warrior King

18. How did the kings of Ghana gain their power? (1 Point)

- ☐ Trade of silver and salt
- ☐ Trade of gold and silver
- ☐ Conquering land
- ☒ Trade of gold and salt

19. Tales people tell about places, human beings, inanimate objects and spirits are known as:  
(1 Point)

- ☐ Comical tales
- ☐ Historian tales
- ☐ Folklore
- ☒ Legends

20. Chief Olusegun Obasanjo's interview about his life in prison is (1 Point)

- ☐ A. Primary source
- ☐ B. Quaternary source
- ☒ C. Secondary source
- ☐ D. Tertiary source

21. The motion for self-rule was first moved by  
(1 Point)

- ☐ Chief Obafemi Awolowo
- ☒ Chief Anthony Enahoro
- ☐ Mallam Aminu Kano
- ☐ Sir TafaWa Balewa

22. Where was the Empire of Ghana located? (1 Point)

- ☒ Southern Africa
- ☐ Eastern Europe
- ☐ Western Africa
- ☐ South America

23. What religion did the traders bring? (1 Point)

- ☐ Christianity
- ☒ Islam
- ☐ Judaism
- ☐ Buddhism

24. The last constitution made by the colonialists in Nigeria was the (1 Point)

- ☐ Self-Rule constitution of 1959
- ☐ Self-Rule constitution of 1960
- ☐ Independence constitution of 1958
- ☒ Independence constitution of 1960

25. Major commodities traded during trans-Saharan trade period were (1 Point)



- ☒ Gold and salt
- ☐ Salt and beads
- ☐ Gold and diamond
- ☐ Feather and salt

26. Who are refers to as the sons of the concubine in the Songhai Empire? (1 Point)

- ☐ A. Bara Kois
- ☒ B. Askias
- ☐ C. Djina Kois
- ☐ D. Cadi

27. The Trans-Sahara trade involved:  
(1 Point)

- ☐ Use of paper note
- ☐ Use of coins
- ☒ Trade by barter
- ☐ Exchange of coin for cowry shells

28. What kind of government did the Empire of Ghana have? (1 Point)

- ☐ Democratic
- ☐ Communist

- ☐ Socialist
- ☒ Feudal

29. Which of the following is NOT among the questions asked by historians? (1 Point)

- ☐ What happened?
- ☐ Why did it happen?
- ☒ When will it happen again?
- ☐ How did the incident change the course of events?

30. The Southern Nigeria Protectorate was formed in  
(1 Point)

- ☒ 1900
- ☐ 1800
- ☐ 1700
- ☐ 1600

31. Which of these was not part of the roles of missionaries in the amalgamation of Nigeria territories?  
(1 Point)

- ☐ Encouraging colonialism to continue
- ☒ Waging war against Taubman Goldie's policies
- ☐ Giving questionable protection that encourage colonialism

☐ Supporting colonial administration

32. Under which source of history will you classify Igbo-Ukwu bronze  
(1 Point)

☒ Primary source

☐ Special source

☐ Secondary source

☐ Tertiary source

33. How did Ghana raise money to pay government officials? (1 Point)

☐ by mining salt

☐ by taxing goods

☒ by selling gold

☐ by buying camels

34. Which of the following is NOT a secondary source? (1 Point)

☒ video footage

☐ encyclopedia

☐ textbook

☐ journal

35. Who was the leader first established the Songhai Empire? (1 Point)

- ☐ A. Shaka Zulu
- ☐ B. Mansa Musa
- ☐ C. Hannibal
- ☒ D. Sunni Ali

36. All these are advantages of primary sources of History except:  
(1 Point)

- ☐ It is more dependable than secondary sources
- ☐ It is useful for secondary sources
- ☐ The information given is real
- ☒ They are not too dependable like other sources

37. Which of these British could be regarded as the father and Founder of modern Nigeria?  
(1 Point)

- ☐ Lord Lugard
- ☒ Sir Fredrick Lugard
- ☐ Sir Taubman Goldie
- ☐ Mungo Park

38. The people of West Africa preserved the record of their past through the use of  
(1 Point)

- ☐ oral histories
- ☐ cuneiform writings
- ☒ stories written on scrolls
- ☐ hieroglyphics

39.

What was the capital city of the Songhai Empire? (1 Point)

- ☒ A. Gao
- ☐ B. Koumbi Saleh
- ☐ C. Mogadishu
- ☐ D. Addis Ababa

40. Primary sources of history include all these except:  
(1 Point)

- ☒ Academic journals
- ☐ Oral traditions
- ☐ Legends
- ☐ Primary source

41. The first High Commissioner for Northern Protectorate was  
(1 Point)

- ☒ Lord Lugard
- ☐ Sir Walter Egerton
- ☐ Sir George Goldie
- ☐ Sir Taubman Goldie

42. Also known as the Old Stone Age, it was a time when man lived mostly by hunting and food gathering (1 Point)

- ☐ Paleolithic Period
- ☒ Neolithic Period
- ☐ Mesolithic Period
- ☐ Age of Metal

43. All these were commodities traded by the North African traders in Trans-Saharan trade except (1 Point)

- ☐ Salt
- ☒ Copper
- ☐ Brass Vessel
- ☐ Gold

44. How many protectorate were amalgamated by the British to create Nigeria?

(1 Point)

- ☒ Two
- ☐ Three
- ☐ Four
- ☐ Five

45. \_\_\_\_\_ is one of these experts that studies pre-historic times.

(1 Point)

- ☐ Oral historians
- ☒ Paleontologist
- ☐ Psychologist
- ☐ Cryptographers

46. What empire ruled the region prior to the Songhai Empire? (1 Point)

- ☐ A. Egyptian Empire
- ☒ B. Empire of Mali
- ☐ C. Spanish Empire
- ☐ D. Islamic Empire

47. Which of the following factors is the main reason that Ghana became a powerful empire in West Africa? (1 Point)

- ☐ It had extremely productive agriculture
- ☐ It controlled the gold and salt trade in that region
- ☐ It traded extensively with European countries
- ☒ It was the first African empire to industrialize

48. What type of workers was referred to as powerful magicians? (1 Point)

- ☐ Farmers
- ☐ Salt miners
- ☒ Iron Smiths
- ☐ Traders

49. The first Governor-General of Nigeria was (1 Point)

- ☐ Sir Taubman Goldie
- ☒ Sir Fredrick Lugard
- ☐ Sir Walter Egerton
- ☐ Sir Gorge Goldie



50. Oral history given by ancestors of a city from generation to generation could be classified as  
(1 Point)

- ☐ Generational history
- ☐ Oral tradition
- ☒ Verbal history
- ☐ Normal history

51. Wangarans had an intricate method of trading with merchants. Once the North African Trader lays out his goods, he does what? (1 Point)

- ☐ Ring a drum and wait
- ☐ Ring a drum and walk away
- ☒ Ring a drum and talk to the Wangarian
- ☐ Talks to the Wangarian directly

52. The Western Region attained self- governing status in  
(1 Point)

- ☒ 1957
- ☐ 1953
- ☐ 1954
- ☐ 1960

53. These are first-hand accounts or evidence from the time an event happened.

(1 Point)

- ☒ primary sources
- ☐ official documents
- ☐ secondary sources
- ☐ journals of history

54. What major empire did the Empire of Ghana become part of after it collapsed?

(1 Point)

- ☐ Egypt
- ☒ Empire of Mali
- ☐ Spanish Empire
- ☐ Islamic Empire

55. The word "history" comes from the Greek word, historia which means\_\_\_\_\_

(1 Point)

- ☒ study
- ☐ research
- ☐ inquiry
- ☐ record

56. All these will help historical researchers except  
(1 Point)

- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ Academic journals.
- ☐ Autobiography
- ☒ Earpiece

57. What was one way to avoid being sold into slavery? (1 Point)

- ☒ A. Be captured in an enemy raid
- ☐ B. Prove that you were a Christian
- ☐ C. Convert to Islam
- ☐ D. All of the above

58. Which of these animals was mainly used by Trans-Saharan traders for transporting goods? (1 Point)

- ☐ Donkey
- ☒ Camel
- ☐ Horse
- ☐ Cow

59. What major geographical feature was located just to the North of the Songhai Empire? (1 Point)

- ☒ A. Sahara Desert
- ☐ B. Pacific Ocean
- ☐ C. Mount Everest
- ☐ D. Niger River

60. All these can be regarded as nationalists in Nigeria except (1 Point)

- ☐ Aminu Kano
- ☐ Ahmadu Bello
- ☐ Kwame Nkrumah
- ☒ Anthony Enahoro

61. What river ran along much of the Songhai Empire? (1 Point)

- ☐ A. Congo River
- ☒ B. Niger River
- ☐ C. Nile River
- ☐ D. Amazon River

62. Which of the following is NOT a primary source? (1 Point)

- ☒ diaries
- ☐ photographs
- ☐ fossils
- ☐ Biographies

63. Ghana, Mali, & Songhia were located in \_\_\_\_\_ Africa (1 Point)

- ☐ A. North
- ☐ B. East
- ☐ C. South
- ☒ D. West

64. Who was the first king of the Empire of Ghana? (1 Point)

- ☐ Dinga Cisse
- ☒ Mansa Musa
- ☐ Amenhotep
- ☐ Ezana Axum

65. The Northern Region attained self-government status in (1 Point)

- ☒ 1959
- ☐ 1957

☐ 1958

☐ 1960

66. Ghana's \_\_\_\_\_ made it the center of an enormous trading empire.  
(1 Point)

☐ grasslands

☐ iron ore

☒ gold

☐ sugar

67. The city of Timbuktu was known as (1 Point)

☐ A. The largest city in the world.

☐ A. The most beautiful city in Africa.

☒ A. The center of learning and trade.A.

☐ A bustling seaport.

68. To which group did Kumbi fall in 1240? (1 Point)

☐ Mande people of Mali

☒ Arab sailors of Guinea

☐ gold miners of Wangara

☐ Almoravids of North Africa

69. The Eastern Region attained self-governing status in

(1 Point)

☒ 1957

☐ 1959

☐ 1958

☐ 1960

70. How did Islam influence Ghana, Mali, and Songhai? (1 Point)

☐ Government only

☐ Architecture only

☒ Education and government

☐ government, education and architecture

71. Which of the following is not part of the Hierarchical traditional structure of the Songhai Empire? (1 Point)

☐ A. Djina kois

☒ B. Dendi Koi

☐ C. Dema Koi

☐ D. Djene Cadi

72. Amalgamation ceremony took place on  
(1 Point)

☐ October 1960

☒ January 1914

☐ October 1914

☐ October 1963

73. Disadvantages of primary sources of history include all these except  
(1 Point)

☐ It is costly to get

☐ It needs processing before it can be used

☒ It is very cheap to get

☐ It takes time to get

74. Which of these was not part of the major constitutional conferences that helped in the attainment of Nigerian independence?  
(1 Point)

☐ 1957

☐ 1956

☒ 1958



☐ 1960

75. Which of these was one of the major roles played by Nigerian traditional rulers in British conquest of Nigeria?

(1 Point)

- ☐ Voluntary hand over of their territories to the British
- ☒ Frequent visit to England to meet the Queen
- ☐ Signing of Treaties with the British
- ☐ Frequent visit of Queen to their territories

76. An ancient story passed by elders from generation to generation and sometimes about powerful figures could be called

(1 Point)

- ☐ Oral story
- ☒ Oral history
- ☐ Legend
- ☐ Generational history

77. The Songhai Empire existed in \_\_\_\_ Century (1 Point)

- ☐ A. 10th
- ☐ B. 11th
- ☐ C. 12TH

☒ D. 15th

78. Which of these tertiary sources of history is regarded as an online library?  
(1 Point)

- ☐ Bulletin
- ☐ Abstract
- ☐ Index
- ☒ Wikipedia

79. Who is regarded as the "Father of History"? (1 Point)

- ☐ Aristotle
- ☒ Herodotus
- ☐ Thucydides
- ☐ Eratosthenes

80. These are man-made materials such as tools that give us an idea how people in the past lived. (1 Point)

- ☒ artifacts
- ☐ technology
- ☐ fossils
- ☐ primary sources

81. Where is the Songhai Empire located? (1 Point)

- ☒ A. Southern Africa
- ☐ B. Eastern Europe
- ☐ C. South America
- ☐ D. Western Africa

82. A periodical written and published by academicians on a field of study is called (1 Point)

- ☐ Specialist compendium
- ☐ Research volume
- ☒ Academic journals
- ☐ Memoirs

83. What are griots? (1 Point)

- ☐ grasslands
- ☒ storytellers
- ☐ tax collectors
- ☐ sailboat used by the Arabs

84. All these are not occupations of NOK people except? (1 Point)

- ☐ Iron and tin mining
- ☐ Brass work
- ☐ Stone carving
- ☒ Hunting

85. How have historians learned about the kingdom of Ghana? (1 Point)

- ☐ from writings of Arab scholars
- ☐ from wood carvings in the forest
- ☒ from royal tax collection records
- ☐ from paintings on salt mine walls

86. Islamic scholars are credited with inventing which type of math? (1 Point)

- ☒ Geometry
- ☐ Calculus
- ☐ Trigonometry
- ☐ Algebra

87. Sunni Ali established \_\_\_\_ as capital in \_\_\_\_ year (1 Point)

- ☐ A. Gao, 1964
- ☒ B. Djenne, 1464

- ☐ C. Gao, 1464
- ☐ D. Timbuktu, 1964

88. The first storey building in Nigeria is located in (1 Point)

- ☐ A. NOK, Kaduna
- ☐ B. Benin, Edo State
- ☒ C. Badagry, Lagos State
- ☐ D. Ile-Ife, Osun State

89. A place where books and other academic materials are kept for reference purposes is called a/an:  
(1 Point)

- ☐ Museum
- ☐ Art Museum
- ☐ Book Museum
- ☒ Library

90. Early travelers described Ghana as a land (1 Point)

- ☐ of taxes.
- ☐ of oases.
- ☐ of wonder.

☒ of gold.

91. The Empire of Songhai Empire existed between \_\_\_\_ year (1 Point)

- ☐ A. 1464- 1591
- ☐ B. 1901- 1909
- ☒ C. 1464- 1595
- ☐ D. 1477-1591

92. What two resources helped the Empire of Ghana to become wealthy? (1 Point)

- ☐ Fish and Cotton
- ☐ Silver and Diamonds
- ☐ Iron and Gold
- ☒ Gold and silver

93. The ancient NOK Settlement in southern Kaduna above was built with (1 Point)

- ☐ A. blocks
- ☐ B. tiles
- ☒ C. burnt clay
- ☐ D. stones

94. What religion had a great effect on the kingdoms of Mali & Songhai? (1 Point)

- ☐ Christianity
- ☒ Islam
- ☐ Buddhism
- ☐ Hinduism

95. The first High Commissioner for the Colony and Protectorate of Southern Nigeria was  
(1 Point)

- ☒ Sir Fredrick Lugard
- ☐ Sir Taubman Goldie
- ☐ Sir Walter Egerton
- ☐ Sir John Lander

96. The trans-Saharan trade increased after about 300 C.E. as a result of the (1 Point)

- ☐ population increase
- ☐ growth of cities
- ☒ introduction of camels
- ☐ growth of cities

97. Askia Muhammad was the \_\_\_\_ leader of the Songhai Empire? (1 Point)

- ☐ A. First
- ☐ B. Fourth
- ☐ C. Second
- ☒ D. Third

98. The motion for self-rule in Nigeria was first moved in  
(1 Point)

- ☒ 1953
- ☐ 1957
- ☐ 1960
- ☐ 1959

99. Muslim \_\_\_\_\_ became a part of African culture. (1 Point)

- ☐ language
- ☒ religion
- ☐ architecture
- ☐ religion & architecture

100. \_\_\_\_\_, a returnee slave, lived in one of the rooms in the first story building in Nigeria. (1 Point)

- ☒ A. Samuel Ajayi Crowther



- ☐ B. Obafemi Awolowo
- ☐ C. Nnamdi Azikiwe
- ☐ D. Ahmadu Bello

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