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POS 121: CITIZEN AND THE STATE

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QUESTIONS

1. Define and differentiate between state, society, nation and Government

ANSWER

- Definition of term
 - Difference in term and where Nigeria fit in the definition
 - Conclusion
2. Drawing from the view of Jeremy Bentham, John Stuart mill, Jean Jacque Rousseau, Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, discuss the origin and roles of the state.
 3. List and discuss all the cultural dysfunction in Africa noted in while paying more attention to the ones that reflect current socio-political realities of Nigeria

ANSWER

- Overview of the article
 - Listing of the cultural issues and the one most reflective of Nigeria's realities
 - Examples of issues in Nigeria reflective of the cultural dysfunction
4. Discuss the theory of the role of the Nigerian state as enumerated in the chapter II of the Nigeria constitution of 1999, Chapter II section 13 and section 14 subsection 1-4 and the current realities of the country.
 5. In the light of socio-economic political realities that bedevil the Nigerian State after over fifty years of independence and the challenges of establishing democratic government Chinua Achebe opined that "Democracy was compromise from its birth in Nigeria " page 51. Discuss.

ANSWER

- Overview of Chinua Achebe's book
 - Britain rigging the election through Mr. Smith
 - British manipulation of Nigeria Politics
 - Western house crisis
 - Nigeria Civil war
 - And current issues about democracy in Nigeria, carpet crossing in political parties, election rigging and all other issues of governance
6. "The Biafra war change the course of Nigeria...it was a cataclysmic experience that changed the history of Africa "Chinua Achebe page 2 Discuss.
7. Give an extensive discussion of the Natural law theory.

ANSWER

- Introduction
 - Discuss Thomas Aquinas' view of a human being created in the image of God.
 - Discuss John Locke's view of natural rights
 - Discuss J.J. Rousseau's sovereignty of the people
 - Discuss Emmanuel Kant's freedom
 - Conclusion
8. With **relevant examples**, discuss the different schools of thought that have attempted the conceptualization of Human Rights.
9. Give a historical background of the fundamental human rights as drafted in the Universal Declaration as we have it today.

ANSWER

- The pre-historic relationship between religion and human rights
- Magna Charter (1215)
- English Bill of Rights (1689)
- The French Declaration and Rights of Man and Society (1789)
- The US constitution and Bill of rights (1791)
- 19th Century Prohibition of Slave trade
- Geneva Convention
- Minimum wage convention (1919)
- Forced Labour Convention (1930)
- Forty Hour Work Convention (1935)

10. Using **concrete examples**, examine the Political Obligations of a citizen and the relationship between the citizen and the state?

11. Examine the essential functions of the State.

ANSWER

- Introduction
- Conceptualize state
- Enumerate the essential functions of the state
- Conclusion

12. What were those factors that necessitated the drafting of a Universal Declaration on Human Rights?

13. Examine the various kinds of citizenship

ANSWER

- Introduction
- Natural citizenship (Jus sanguinis and Jus soli)
- Naturalization
- Registration

Conclusion

14. Examine the features of citizenship
15. Discuss the various ways of acquiring citizenship in Nigeria.

ANSWER

- Introduction
- Citizenship by birth
- Citizenship by Registration
- Citizenship by naturalization
- Dual citizenship

Conclusion

16. Examine the conditions under which an individual might lose his/her citizenship
17. With clear examples, discuss the various categories of civic duties.

ANSWER

- Introduction
- Moral duty
- Legal duty
- Positive duty
- Negative duty

Conclusion

18. Examine the relationship between citizenship and National Interest
19. Using relevant examples, discuss the problems of citizenship in Nigeria.

ANSWER

- Introduction
- Lack of adequate representation
- Absence of participation in state affairs
- Ethnic and religious considerations that prevent the full realization of citizen empowerment in Nigeria
- Inadequate economic and social immunities and privileges
- Absence of adequate institutions to protect the rights of the Nigerian Citizen

Conclusion

20. With clear examples, examine the nature of strained relations between citizen and the state in Nigeria.