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SOC 227: STRUCTURE OF THE NIGERIAN SOCIETY

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1. Write all you know about culture.
2. Write short notes on any five (5) of the following concepts:
 - i. Xenocentrism
 - ii. Culture shock
 - iii. Cultural universals
 - iv. Cultural relativism
 - v. Cultural lag
 - vi. Cultural integration
 - vii. Cultural diffusion
 - viii. Ethnocentrism
3. What do you understand by the term “ethnicity”?
4. How has the issue of ethnicity affected issues of development in Nigeria?
5. What are social institutions?
6. How has religion as a social institution contributed to social problems in Nigeria?
7. Discuss the concept of social change.
8. What are the characteristics and sources of social change?
9. Briefly explain the following key concepts:
 - Primary and secondary group
 - In group and out-group
 - Social roles
 - Achieved status
 - Norms
 - Values
10. How has education as a social institution contributed to social problems in Nigeria?
11. What are social institutions?
12. Corruption is the bane of progress and development in Nigeria. Discuss
13. List and discuss the functions of the five primary social institutions that are found among all human groups.

14. As a sociologist, attempt to proffer solution to the problem of insecurity in contemporary Nigeria using the current issue of Boko haram as your focal point.
15. Write exhaustively on the concept of culture and its key components.
16. Describe the forms and types of marriage and family types in the Nigerian social structure
17. Explain social change, its sources and key characteristics.
18. Citing relevant examples, describe and explain the kinship system and residential patterns in Nigeria.
19. How can unemployment as a social problem be tackled in contemporary Nigeria?
20. In your own view, how best can poverty be alleviated in contemporary Nigeria?

ANSWERS

Q1

Students should be able to state clearly the following:

- *At least 3 definitions of culture*
- *Characteristics of culture*
- *Classification of culture*
- *Key components of culture*
- *Ability to cite practical and relevant examples*

Q2

Students are expected to briefly explain 5 out of the 8 concepts and they are to back their explanations up with relevant examples.

Q3

Students are expected to write all they know about ethnicity putting into consideration the following;

- *Definitions (etymology)*
- *Various ethnics groupings in Nigeria*
- *Relevant and practical examples*

Q4

Students are expected to discuss issues of ethnicity in relation to developmental challenges facing Nigeria. They are to argue whether ethnicity issues have positively or negatively affected developmental efforts in Nigeria and they are to take a stand.

Q5

Students should be able to state clearly the following:

- *Definition of social institution*
- *The five primary institutions: family, education, religion, economy, polity*
- *Their specific functions*
- *Key perspectives on each of the institutions: Functionalist and Conflict*

Q6

Students should be able to state clearly the following:

- *Definition of religion as a social institution and functions of religion*
- *Logical arguments on how religion as a social institution has contributed to social problems in Nigeria.*

Q7

Students should be able to state clearly the following:

- *Definition of social change*
- *Practical and relevant examples*

Q8

Students should be able to state clearly the following:

- *Characteristics of social change with relevant examples*
- *Sources of social change with explanations*

Q9

Students are expected to briefly explain the 6 concepts and they are to back their explanations up with relevant examples

Q10

In attempting to provide answer to this question, students are expected to define education as a social institution, list and explain the types of education and critically detail how it has contributed to social problems in the Nigerian society.