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STS 323: STRATEGIC THOUGHT

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QUESTIONS

- 1) "Sun Tzu's treatise on war is not applicable to contemporary security situation in Nigeria". Do you agree?
- 2) To what extent can espionage remedy the security deficit in the North-eastern part of Nigeria?
- 3) Examine Confucius' moral and political doctrines of the state.
- 4) Discuss the contributions of Liddel Hart to strategic thought.
- 5) Highlight and explain the similarities and differences between Moltke and Schlieffen as strategic thinkers.
- 6) How did Charles de Gaulle contribute to strategic thought?
- 7) Discuss the relevance of STS 323 to the security situation in Nigeria.
- 8) Identify and explain the types and utility of spies.
- 9) Examine the relevance of Moltke to Strategic thought.
- 10) Discuss in details the concept of strategic thought.
- 11) What are the contributions of Frederick the Great to strategic thought?
- 12) Discuss the changing nature of security studies in contemporary times.
- 13) Explain the various elements of strategic thinking.
- 14) Examine the contributions of Clausewitz to strategic thought.
- 15) Highlight Han Fei Tzu's ideas on legalism.

MODEL ANSWERS IN ALTERNATE SEQUENCE (ODD NUMBERS)

Question 1

Introduction: Background of Sun Tzu

Body: Candidates are expected to discuss the following: Principles for the conduct of war, political realism; rational war planning; financing and execution ; battle engagement by deception; preservation and avoidance of arduous task in military engagement. Know thine enemy and know thine strength; sanctity of military hierarchy, time management and troops psyche

Conclusion: His work is applicable to business, sports, diplomacy and personal lives.

Total = 17.5marks

Question 2

Introduction: candidates are expected to identify that this question is on "use of spies" (2marks)

Body; Identify the five kinds of spies as: Local; Inside, Reverse; Dead; and Living spies in strategy

Conclusion: The use of reverse spies could have altered the current security deficit / dilemma to an extent

Total = 17.5marks

Question 3

Introduction: Background information on Confucius

Body: Candidates are expected to present arguments on how the moral and political doctrines impact on the state. The presentation should be thematic and broken down into the moral and political contributions

Conclusion; Relevance of the doctrines to modern state

Total= 17.5marks

Question 4

Introduction: Background of Liddel Hart

Body: Candidates are expected to discuss his Indirect Approach and policy of limited liability as contributions to prosecution of war and strategy. The limitations of each are to be identified

Conclusion; Identify the relevance of the two approaches to contemporary situation

Total = 17.5 marks.