

## ADVANCED SYLLABUS GOVERNMENT (A19)

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#### INTRODUCTION

The aim of the course is to expose students to the basic concepts, structures, institutions and the workings of government with a view to preparing students to apply them in the Nigerian context and its relation with the outside world.

This course is structured into 2:

Govt. I: Elements of Government

Govt. II: Nigerian Government and Politics

**Objective:** The objective of the course is to train students with further necessary knowledge in tackling the subject of government at the advanced level.

**Exam Scheme:** The examination consists of one paper of 3hrs with a total of a 100 marks

The paper should consist of (2) sections: I & II

Section I: This section consists of 5 questions, candidates are expected to answer 4 questions from this section. Each question carries 10 marks

Section II: This section consists of 6 questions. Candidates are required to answer 4 questions. All questions carry 15 marks.

**GOVERNMENT I: ELEMENTS OF GOVERNMENT**

**GOVERNMENT II: NIGERIA GOVT AND POLITICS**

**PAPER I: ELEMENTS OF GOVERNMENT**

S/N	TOPICS	CONTENT	ACTIVITIES/REMARK
1	The meaning of Government & Politics	(i) Nature of government (ii) Definition of terms: Government Politics Sovereignty Nation Nation-State (iii) Differences between Government and Politics (iv) Social nature of politics (v) Conflict and resolution (vi) Relationship between politics and other social sciences.	Trainees to explain the concept of politics as it affects their societies
2	Basic Governmental Concepts	Identification of - State - Nation - Nationality - Citizenship  Fundamental Human Rights - Power - Influence - Authority	Trainees to differentiate between these concepts
3	The Concept of Politics and Political thoughts	The Philosophy and theories of: Aristotle Karl Marx Benito Musolini Baron de Montesique	Trainees to study and understand the relevance of the theories and thoughts
4	The Concept of Constitution and Constitutionalism	(i) Meaning and definition (ii) Types: written, unwritten, Rigid, Flexible, Unitary, Federal, Confederal etc.	Trainees to know and differentiate the various types of constitution.
5	Constitution and Constitutionalism	(i) Definition(s) of Constitution (ii) Sources of Nigerian Constitution	Various forms of constitution are to be explored.

		<p>(iii) Types of Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Written</li> <li>- Unwritten</li> <li>- Flexible</li> <li>- Rigid</li> <li>- Confederal</li> <li>- Federal</li> <li>- Unitary</li> </ul>	Countries practising the forms of constitution are to be given as examples.
6	Governmental Arms	<p><b>Legislature</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Unicameralism</li> <li>- Bicameralism</li> <li>- Supremacy of constitution</li> </ul> <p><b>Executive</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Composition and Functions</li> </ul> <p><b>Judiciary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Independence of Judiciary</li> <li>- Fundamental Human Rights</li> </ul>	Various functions of the arms are to be mentioned in various Countries.
7	Separation of Powers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Principles and ideas of Montensique</li> <li>- Merits and Demerits</li> </ul>	The theory of the French political scientist in his E'spirit de Loi
8	International Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Definition</li> <li>- Differences between International Politics and International relations</li> <li>- Foreign Policy and its determinants</li> </ul>	Importance of the international bodies are to be explained.
9	International Political Organizations	<p><b>Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Functions</li> <li>- Constitution/Structure</li> <li>- Weakness</li> </ul> <p><b>African Union</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Constitution/Structure</li> <li>- Functions</li> <li>- Problems</li> </ul> <p><b>The United Nations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Functions</li> <li>- Composition/Structure</li> <li>- Problems</li> </ul>	

10	Imperialism/Globalization	Definition Relevance Activities	
11	Political Theories and Political Economy	Definition School of thoughts Marxian, Nazism, Authoritarianism etc. Modernization Underdevelopment Perspectives	The theorists and their thoughts are important
12	Approaches to the Study of Politics	- Institutional approach - Behavioral approach	
13	Parties and Electoral Politics in Nigeria	(i) Evolution of Party systems (ii) Character/Nature of Party politics/party system (iii) Elections - Importance - Constraints  (iv) Election Management Bodies (EMB) INEC etc. (v) Post Electoral Activities: Litigations 1963 1983 2011	Functions of INEC are to be explained  Courts Resolution should be examined
14	Military Rule and Civil Military Relations in Nigeria	- Definition  The role of military in a political system - Causes of military intervention - Military rule in Nigerian politics - Achievements and Limitations of military rule in Nigeria - The challenges of civilian control of the military.	
15	Development and Administration: (i) Development Planning (ii) Public Policy	Meaning and Evolution of Development Administration - Plans and Planning - Execution - Importance and constraints - Determining Factors - Implementation - Importance and Constraints	

GOVERNMENT II

NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS (NIGOPOL)

S/N	TOPICS	CONTENT	ACTIVITIES/REMARK
	Party Systems and Political Parties	Clarification of Party System - One party system - 2-party system - Multi-party system - Zero party system  Political System: Definitions, functions and characteristics.	Students should know the forms of political parties and ideologies
	Public Administration	Definition Structure and workings of the civil service - privatization and commercialization of public corporations	Students are to know the importance and functions
	Issues in African Politics	Colonial incursions into Africa - The Berlin conference of 1884/1885  Colonial powers, their colonies and system of administration in Africa. - The effects of colonial domination in Africa.	
	Nigerian Political and Constitutional Developments	Pre-colonial political systems (Hausa/Fulani, Yoruba, Igbo, Tiv) Nationalism: Its rise and growth).	
	Local Government	- Structure - Functions and problem - Local Government Reform in Nigeria	Various functions of Local Government Administration are to be explained
	Contemporary Global Issues:  (i) Environmental Health Issues:	Environmental Pollution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forms</li> <li>• Effects</li> </ul> HIV/AIDS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Causes</li> <li>• Remedies</li> </ul> Drug Abuse and Trafficking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Causes</li> <li>• Remedies</li> </ul>	
	Terrorism	Definition Types - State terrorism/individual group terrorism	Reasons and consequences of terrorism are to be

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cultism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Causes</li> <li>• Remedies</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Crisis and Security Issues</li> </ul>	properly explained.
Gender Issues, Sensitivity and Productivity	Discrimination and Marginalization of women <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Causes</li> <li>• Remedies</li> </ul>	
Bribery and Corruption	Definition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Types of corruption</li> <li>- Causes/Reasons for corruption</li> <li>- Ways of curbing corruption</li> </ul>	
Globalization and Multinational Corporations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Functions</li> <li>- Problems</li> </ul>	
Socio-Cultural Diversity and Integration in Nigeria	Meaning and types of Diversity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Social Diversity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Groups</li> <li>• Sectional</li> <li>• Regional groups etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Cultural Diversities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethnics</li> <li>• Linguistics</li> <li>• Religions etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Political and Economic Diversities.</li> <li>- The problems/challenges of Diversities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Nigerian civil war (1967 - 1970)</li> <li>• Religious conflicts</li> <li>• Ethnic conflicts</li> <li>• Political conflicts</li> <li>• Indigene-Settler conflicts, sectarian crises etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- The Management of Diversity and the Policy of National Integration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The federal Character</li> <li>• The NYSC</li> <li>• Creation of States</li> <li>• Local Government creation</li> <li>• Creation of Unity Colleges etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	