## HISTORY

## **GENERAL OBJECTIVES**

The aim of the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) syllabus in History is to prepare the candidates for the Board's examinations. It is designed to test their achievement of the course objectives, which are to:

- 1. impart knowledge of Nigerian history from earliest times to the present;
- 2. identify the similarities and relationships among the people of Nigeria as they relate to the issues of national unity and integration;
- 3. appreciate Nigerian history as the basis to understand West African and African history;
- 4. apply history to understand Nigerian and Africa's relationship with the wider world;
- 5. analyse issues of modernization and development;
- 5. relate the past to the present and plan for the future.

### DETAILED SYLLABUS

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SECTION A: THE NIGERIA AREA UP TO 1800	
<ol> <li>Land and Peoples of the Nigeria Area:</li> <li>a. Geographical zones and the people.</li> </ol>	Candidates should be able to: i. identify the geographical zones and the people within them;
b. The people's relationship with the environment	ii. establish the relationship between the people and the environment
c. Relations and integration among the peoples of different zones.	iii. Comprehend the relationships among the various peoples of the Nigeria area.
<ol> <li>Early Centres of Civilization:</li> <li>a. Nok, Daima, Ife, Benin, Igbo Ukwu and Iwo Eleru</li> </ol>	Candidates should be able to: i. examine the significance of various centres;
<ul> <li>Monuments and shelter systems: (Kuyambana, Durbi-ta-Kusheyi, city walls and palaces)</li> </ul>	ii. establish the historical significance of the various monuments such as caves and rocky formations;
3. Origin and formation of States in the Nigeria Area	
a. Central Sudan –Kanuri and Hausa, states.	Candidates should be able to:
<ul> <li>b. Niger-Benue Valley – Nupe, Jukun, Igala, Idoma, Tiv and Ebira</li> </ul>	i. relate the different groups of people occupying the various zones to their traditions of origin;
c. Eastern Forest Belt – Igbo and Ibibio	ii. determine the inter-state relations;
	iii. account for their, social and political organizations.

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	d.	Western	Forest Belt – Yoruba and Edo		
	e.		and Niger–Delta - Efik, Ijo, and Urhobo		
		i.	Factors influencing their origin and migration		
		ii.	Social and political organizations	l	
		iii.	Inter-State relations, religion war and peace.		
4. 1	Econ	omic Act	ivities and Growth of States:		
a.			- hunting, farming, fishing, andry and horticulture.	Con	didates should be able to:
	aiiii	nai nusoa	and y and norticulture.	i.	identify the various economic activities of the people;
b.	iror woo	smelting	pottery, salt-making, , blacksmithing, leather-working, g, cloth-making, dyeing and food	ii.	differentiate the economic activities and specialties of the people;
	pro	cessing.		iii	relate trade and other economic activities to the growth of the
c.			ade routes:- local, regional, long luding trans-Sahara trade?		states.
d.	Exp	oansion of	f states.		
5. 1	Exter	rnal Influ			
	a.	North A i.	fricans/Arabs introduction, spread and impact		
		ii.	of Islam; trans-Saharan trade.	Can	didates should be able to:
			i.	assess the impact of the contact with North Africa on the people and states South of the Sahara.	
	b.	Europea i.	early European trade with the	l	people and states south of the Sanara.
			coastal states.	ii.	examine the impact of early European contact with the coastal people;
		ii.	the trans-Atlantic slave trade (origin, organization and impact)	iii.	trace the origin, organization and impact of the trans-Atlantic slave trade;
			NIGERIA AREA 1800 – 1900		
1.			Caliphate Jihad – (causes, courses and	l	
		sequence		Can	didates should be able to:
	a.	The caus	ses and the process of the jihad	i.	examine the causes, and the processes of the Jihad;
	a. b.	The estat the calip	blishment and administration of hate and relations with	ii.	determine the factors that led to the rise of the caliphate;
	c.	neighbou The achi caliphate	evements and impact of the	iii.	examine the administrative set-up of the caliphate and its relations with its neighbours;
	d.	The colla	apse of the caliphate.	iv.	examine the impact of the caliphate;
2.	Kar a.		apse of the Saifawa dynasty	v.	trace the internal and external factors that led to the collapse of the caliphate.
	b.	Borno ui	nder the Shehus	l	

c. Borno under Rabeh	Candidates should be able to: i. determine the factors that led to the collapse of the Saifawa
	dynasty;
	ii. examine Borno under the administration of the Shehus; iii.
	assess the role of Rabeh in Borno's history.

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3.			
	a.	The fall of the Old Oyo Empire	Candidates should be able to:
	1		i. examine the causes of the fall of the Old Oyo;
	b.	The Yoruba wars and their impact	
			ii. examine the causes and effects of the Yoruba wars: iii.
	c.	The peace treaty of 1886 and its	assess the impact of the 1886 peace treaty.
		aftermath	
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4.	Be		
	a.	Internal political development	Candidates should be able to:
	1.	D 1 d'anna 11 an 141 ann	i. examine the internal political development;
	b.	Relations with neighbours	
			ii. examine her relations with her neighbours;
	c.	Relations with the Europeans	
_			iii. assess her relationship with the Europeans.
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	a.	Internal political development	Objectives
	b.	Relations with neighbours.	
_			i. examine Nupe internal political development.
6.	Igt		ii. assess her relations with her neighbours.
	a.	Internal political development	
	b.	Relations with neighbours.	
_		_	i. examine Igbo internal political development.
7.	Efi		ii. assess her relations with her neighbours.
	a.	Internal political development	
	b.	Relations with neighbours.	
			i. examine Efik internal political development.
-			ii. assess her relations with her neighbours.
8.	Eu	ropean Penetration and Impact:	
	a.	European exploration of the interior.	Candidates should be able to:
	_		i. examine the motive for the exploration of the interior.
	b.	The suppression of the trans-Atlantic	ii. give reasons for the suppression of the trans-Atlantic slave
		slave trade.	trade;
	c.	The development of commodity trade	iii. trace the development of commodity trade;
		and rise of consular authority.	
	A	Christian missionery activities	iv. examine missionary and European activities in the area;
	d.	Christian missionary activities.	
	0	The activities of the trading companies	iv. asses the activities of the European trading
	e.	The activities of the trading companies.	companies v. account for the rise of consular authority.
	c		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	f.	Impact of European activities on the	
		coast and the hinterland.	
A	<b>D</b>	itish Conquest of the Nizoria Areas	
9.		itish Conquest of the Nigeria Area: Motives for the conquest	
	a.	mouves for the conquest	
	1.	Mathada af the second set of the second	Candidates should be able to:
	b.	Methods of the conquest and its result.	i. determine the reasons for the conquest and the methods
			used; ii. examine the various resistance to the conquest iii.
	c.	Resistance to and aftermath of the	evaluate the results and the aftermath of the conquest.
		conquest.	
SE	CTI	ON C: NIGERIA 1900 – 1960	

1. The Establishment of Colonial Rule up to 1914:	Candidates should be able to:		
<b>a.</b> Administration of the protectorates	i. examine the administrative set-up of the protectorates;		

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	The Amalgamation of 1914:	Candidates should be able to:
3.	<ul><li>a. Reasons</li><li>b. Effects</li></ul>	i. examine the reasons for the 1914 Amalgamation and its effects.
	Colonial Administration After the Amalgamation:	Candidates should be able to:
	a. Central Administration:- Legislative and Executive Councils	i. relate the composition of the central administrative set-up to its consequences;
	b. Indirect Rule – reasons, working and effects	ii. identify the reasons for the introduction and workings of the indirect rule system; iv. assess the effects of indirect rule;
	c. Local administrative institutions, Native Authorities, Native Courts and Native	v. examine the local administrative units.
	Treasuries.	iv. account for the anti-colonial movements and their
4.	<ul> <li>d. Resistance to colonial rule – Ekumeku Movement in Asaba hinterland 1898 – 1911, the Satiru uprising 1906, Egba and the Anti-tax Agitation 1918, and the Aba Women Movement in 1929.</li> </ul>	significance
	<ul> <li>iv. The Colonial Economy:</li> <li>a. currency, taxation and forced labour</li> <li>b. Infrastructure (transportation, post and telecommunication)</li> </ul>	Candidates should be able to: i. examine the nature of the economy as it affects taxation.
5.	<ul><li>c. Agriculture</li><li>d. Mining</li><li>e. Industry</li></ul>	Currency, infrastructures, agriculture, mining, industry, commerce and banking.
	<ul><li>f. Commerce</li><li>g. Banking.</li><li>Social Development under Colonial Rule:</li></ul>	
6.	<ul><li>a. Western education</li><li>b. Urbanization/social integration</li><li>c. Improvement unions</li><li>d. Health institutions</li></ul>	Candidates should be able to: i. identify the areas of social development under colonial rule;
	Nationalism, Constitutional Developments and Independence: a. The rise of nationalist movements;	ii. examine the impact of urbanization on the people; iii. examine the level of social integration among the people.
	b. The 1922 Clifford Constitution and the rise of Nigeria's first political party.	Candidates should be able to:
	c. World War II and the agitation for independence	<ul><li>i. trace the emergence of the nationalist movement;</li><li>ii. assess the roles of the different constitutions in</li></ul>
	d. The Richards Constitution of 1946	constitutional development;

e.	The Macpherson Constitution of 1951.	iii.	examine the effect of World War II in the agitation for independence and the constitutional developments;
f.	Darty politics regionalism foderalism		
1.	Party politics – regionalism, federalism		the development of nexts relition and its immed on
	and minorities agitations.	iv	trace the development of party politics and its impact on
			regionalism and minority question ;
		v.	examine the impact of the constitutional conferences.
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	<ul> <li>g. Lyttleton Constitution of 1954.</li> <li>h. constitutional conference in Lagos in 1957 and in London in 1958</li> <li>i. The general elections of 1959 and independence in 1960.</li> </ul>	vi. determine the factors that aided the attainment of independence;
	SECTION D: NIGERIA SINCE INDEPENDENCE	
1.	The politics of the First Republic and Military intervention	
	<b>a.</b> Struggle for the control of the centre;	Candidates should be able to:
	<b>b.</b> Issue of revenue allocation	
	<b>c.</b> Minority question	i. give reasons behind the struggle for the control of the centre;
	<b>d.</b> The 1962/63 census controversies	ii. account for the controversies in revenue allocation;
	<ul><li>e. The Action Group crisis and the General Elections of 1964/65.</li><li>f. The coup d'etat of January 1966 and the</li></ul>	<ul> <li>iii. account for the controversies generated by the minority question and the creation of states;</li> <li>iv. account for the controversies generated by the 1962/63 census;</li> <li>v. examine the problems created by the Action Group crisis and</li> </ul>
	Ironsi Regime.	the General Elections of 1964/65
2.	<b>The Civil War:</b> Cause and effects	<ul> <li>vi. assess the significance of military intervention and the Ironsi Regime.</li> <li>Candidates should be able to <ol> <li>examine the remote and immediate causes of the war;</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
	a. Causes	ii. examine the course.
	b. Course	iii. assess the effects of the war;
	c. Effects	
3.	The Gowon Regime.	Candidates should be able to i. assess the challenges and achievements of the Gowon Regime.
4.	Murtala/Obasanjo Regime	Candidates should be able to: i. assess the challenges and achievements of the Murtala/Obasanjo Regime;
5.	The Second Republic	Candidates should be able to:

	i. evaluate the challenges and achievements of the Second Republic.
6. The Buhari Regime	
	Candidates should be able to: i. assess the challenges and achievements of the Buhari Regime.
7. The Babangida Regime	Candidates should be able to:

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		i. assess the challenges and achievements of the Babangida Regime;
8.	The Interim National Government (ING)	<ul><li>Candidates should be able to:</li><li>i. examine the role and challenges of the Interim National Government.</li></ul>
9.	The Abacha Regime	Candidates should be able to:
	C .	i. assess the challenges and achievements of the Abacha Regime.
		Candidates should be able to:
		i. assess challenges and achievements of the Abdulsalami Regime;
		Candidates should be able to: i. examine the role of Nigeria in ECOWAS ii.
10.	Nigeria in International Organizations;	assess the role of Nigeria in the AU
	a. Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS),	iii. evaluate the role of Nigeria in the Common Wealth of
	b. African Union (AU)	Nations iv. assess the role of Nigeria in the OPEC v. Examine the role of Nigeria in the UN
	c. Commonwealth of Nations	vi. examine the role of Nigeria in conflict resolutions in the
	d. Organization of Petroleum Exporting	Congo, Chad, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea and the Sudan.
	<ul><li>Countries (OPEC)</li><li>e. United Nations Organization</li></ul>	
	f. The role of Nigeria in Conflict	
	Resolution.	
PAR'	Γ II: AFRICA AND THE WIDER WORLD	
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SECT	TON A: WEST AND NORTH AFRICA	
		Candidates should be able to:
1.	Islamic Reform Movements and State	
	Building in West Africa:	i. establish the relationship between the Sokoto Jihad and other
	a. Relationship between Sokoto and other	Jihads in West Africa:
	Jihads.	ii. compare the achievements of the Jihads of Seku Ahmadu and
	b. The Jihads of Seku Ahmadu and Al-Hajj	Al-Hajj Umar.
	Umar	
		iii. examine the activities of Samori Toure of the Madinka Empire.
	c. The activities of Samori Toure	Empire.
2.	Sierra Leone, Liberia and Christian	Candidates should be able to:
4.	Missionary Activities in West Africa	
		i. determine the factors that led to the founding of Sierra Leone
	a. The foundation of Sierra Leone and Liberia and the spread of Christianity	and Liberia;
	Elocita and the spread of Christianity	
	b. The activities and impact of Christian	ii. examine the importance of Sierra Leone and Liberia in the spread and impact of Christianity in West Africa.
	missionaries.	spread and impact of Christianity in West Africa.
		iii. assess the impact of Christian missionary activities in West Africa.

<ul> <li>Egypt under Mohammed Ali and Khedive Ismail:</li> <li>a. The rise of Mohammad Ali and his reforms</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Candidates should be able to:</li> <li>i. determine the factors that aided Mohammad Ali's rise to power and his reforms;</li> </ul>

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	b. Mohammad Ali's relations with the	ii. establish the relationship between Mohammad Ali's Empire and the Europeans;
	Europeans	iii. account for the fiscal policies of Ismail;
	c. Ismail's fiscal policies	iv. examine the reasons for the British occupation of Egypt.
	d. The British occupation of Egypt	
	4. The Mahdi and Mahdiyya Movement in the Sudan	Candidates should be able to:
	<ul><li>a. Causes</li><li>b. Course</li></ul>	i. examine the causes, the course and consequences of the Mahdiyya Movement in the Sudan
	c. Consequences	
SEC	CTION B: EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA	
1.	The Omani Empire	Candidates should be able to:
	a. The rise of the Omani Empire	i. determine the factors that led to the rise of the Omani Empire;
	b. The empire's commercial and political relations with the coast and the hinterland.	ii. assess the establishment of commercial and political relations between the Omani Empire, the coast and the hinterland.
	c. The Empire's relations with the Europeans	iii. examine the relationship that existed between the Omani Empire and the Europeans.
2.	Ethiopia in the 19 <sup>th</sup> century	Candidates should be able to:
	a. The rise of Theodore II and his attempt at the unification of Ethiopia	i. examine the factors that led to the rise of Theodore II as the Emperor of Ethiopia;
	b. Menelik II and Ethiopian independence.	ii. analyse the strategies that were adopted to achieve Ethiopian unification.
		iii. assess the role of Menelik II in the maintenance of Ethiopian independence
3.	The Mfecane:	Candidates should be able to:
	<ul><li>a. The rise of the Zulu Nation</li><li>b. Causes, Course and consequences of the Mfecane</li></ul>	<ul> <li>i. trace events in Nguniland before the Mfecane; ii.</li> <li>determine for the factors that led to the rapid rise of Shaka.</li> <li>iii. examine the causes, course and consequences of the Mfecane.</li> </ul>
4.	The Great Trek	Candidates should be able to:
••	a. The frontier wars	i. determine the factors that led to the frontier wars; ii. account for British intervention in the Boer-African relations; iii. describe the nature of the Great Trek; iv. examine its consequences.

b.	British intervention in the Boer African	
	relations	
c.	The Great Trek and its consequences.	

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SEC	TIC	ON C: IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM AND PROBLEMS OF NATION- BUILDING IN AFRICA		
1.		e New Imperialism and European cupation of Africa	Canc	lidates should be able to:
	a. b. c. d.	The New Imperialism in Africa European scramble for Africa The Berlin Conference The occupation and resistance by Africans.		assess the causes of the New Imperialism examine the causes of the scramble; iii. account for significance of the Berlin Conference. iv. examine African stance to the occupation.
2.	Pat	tterns of Colonial Rule in Africa:	Canc	lidates should be able to:
	a.	The British	i.	examine and compare the patterns of colonial rule by the various European powers.
	b.	The French		
	c.	The Portuguese		
	d.	The Belgians		
3.	Th	e Politics of Decolonization	Cano	lidates should be able to:
	a.	Colonial policies and African discontent	i	examine the policies employed by the colonial masters and the
	b.	The impact of the two world wars		magnitude of African discontent;
	c.	Nationalist activities and the emergence of political parties and associations	ii.	assess the impact of the First and Second World Wars on African nationalism,
	d.	Strategies for attaining independence	iii.	determine the strategies used in the attainment of independence.
4.	Ap	artheid in South Africa	Cano	lidates should be able to:
	a.	The origin of apartheid	i.	trace the origin of apartheid in South Africa;
	b.	Rise of Afrikaner nationalism	ii.	give reasons for the rise of Afrikaner nationalism;
	c.	Enactment of apartheid laws	iii.	evaluate apartheid laws;
	d.	Internal reaction and the suppression of African nationalist movements	iv.	relate the internal reactions to apartheid to the African struggle for majority rule;
	e.	External reaction to apartheid, the Frontline States, the Commonwealth of Nations, OAU and the UN.	v.	relate the contributions of African states and international organizations to the fight against apartheid;
	f.	The dismantling of apartheid	vi.	identify the steps taken towards the dismantling of apartheid in South Africa
	g.	Post-apartheid development	vii.	assess the post-apartheid development in South Africa.
5.	Pro	oblems of Nation-building in Africa		

		Candidates should be able to:
a.	Political and economic challenges and	
	constraints	i. examine the political and economic problems faced by
		African countries in nation-building; ii.
		assess the effects of natural disasters on Africa
		assess the effects of natural disasters on Africa
b.	Physical and environmental challenges	iii. determine the role of ethnic and religious problems in African;

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с.	Ethnic and religious pluralism	iv. examine the role of the military in African politics;
d.	Military intervention and political instability.	<ul><li>v. examine the role of neo-colonialism in Africa;</li><li>vi. assess the problems of boundary disputes;</li></ul>
e.	Neo-colonialism and under -development.	
f.	Boundary disputes and threat to African unity	vii. establish the relationship between civil wars and refugee problems in Africa
g.	Civil wars and the refugee problem.	

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