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Question 1

Identify five major functions of government as an agent of the state.

Observation

This question was popular among the candidates. The candidates who attempted it performed very well and scored high marks. However, some candidates misunderstood the question. Candidates were expected to provide the following answers to the question.

1. Promotion of national interest
2. Preservation and protection of national sovereignty
3. Law making function
4. Policy formulation
5. Policy implementation
6. Provision of national leadership
7. Protecting the rights of citizens home and abroad
8. Maintenance of internal law and order
9. Protect the state against internal and external attack/defence
10. It ensures the welfare of the people e.g., care for the aged, poverty reduction scheme etc.
11. Conduct the state's foreign policy
12. Administration of justice/adjudication of disputes
13. Creates an enabling environment for state institutions to function effectively
14. It controls and manages the economy of the state
15. Provision of employment opportunities
16. Protection of lives and property
17. Provision of essential services
18. Provision of civic and political education
19. Ensuring national cohesion/unity

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Question 9

Outline five positive political impact colonial administration had on West African States leading to statehood.

Observation

This was very challenging to the candidates as most candidates avoided it while the ones that attempted it performed below average. The candidates were expected to provide the following answers to the question.

1. The creation of states
2. The creation of national identity
3. The formation of political parties
4. Formation of pressure groups
5. Formation of trade unions
6. The establishment of the press
7. Creation of bureaucratic institutions
8. Creation of the legislative institution
9. Creation of the executive institution
10. Creation of the judicial institution
11. The introduction of the elective principle/representative government
12. Introduction of constitutional rule
13. It contributed to political participation/national consciousness
14. Emergence of nationalist movements and leaders

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Question 2

Explain five factors that hamper the effective operation of the justice delivery system in a democratic state.

Observation

This was a question that was attempted by average of the candidates. The performance of the candidates who attempted it was poor as they failed to interpret the question very well.

The candidates were expected to provide the following answers to the question.

1. Differences in adjudication mechanism between modern and traditional courts i.e., different scope of jurisdiction and capacities
2. Problems with judicial management and internal administration
3. Relevant mechanisms and procedures for court cases e.g., filing, registration, disposing, preparation of court proceedings etc.
4. Professional, ethical and other accountability mechanisms/considerations
5. Corrupt law enforcement agencies
6. Prevalence of favouritism, nepotism and cronyism
7. Inadequate law courts
8. Inadequate legal officers
9. Issues of conflicts of interest
10. Corrupt judicial officers e.g., clerks, registrars, bailiffs etc.
11. Executive interference and manipulation of the court process
12. Budgetary control and insufficient resource allocation for administration
13. and training
14. Weak institutional protection for the operation of the judiciary
15. Lack of IT systems and use of the system
16. Inadequate infrastructure and equipment
17. Differences in justice delivery/Conflicting judgments by courts
18. Service delivery and public perception
19. Delay in justice delivery systems/processes

20. High cost of obtaining justice
21. Social and cultural factors
22. Inability of the poor to access legal services
23. Inadequate professional training for judicial officers
24. Poor conditions of service

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Question 3

Highlight five major factors that have contributed to the weakened governmental institutions in many West African states.

Observation

This was not a popular question and many of the candidates avoided the question. Few of the candidates who attempted it did not understand the demands of the question and scored low marks. The candidates were expected to write the following points as answers to the question.

1. Inadequate funding for operations
2. Inadequate/poor logistics
3. Poor/inadequate staffing
4. Poor conditions of service
5. Corruption, nepotism and favouritism
6. Negative work attitudes
7. Misappropriation and embezzlement of public funds
8. *Political manipulation/interference*
9. Political patronage
10. Overstaffing
11. Misplaced priorities
12. Shift in focus and assigned mandate
13. Poor policy direction
14. Inconsistencies in policy implementation
15. Inadequate research into organizational strategies
16. Non-existent competition
17. Poor evaluation and assessment of the operations of the institutions
18. Poor and incompetent/inefficient leadership
19. Inadequate capacity building/training
20. Weak application of the constitution and other laws
21. Ineffective civil society organizations

22. The existence of a compromised media
23. Political instability
24. Undue administrative bottlenecks e.g., “red-tapeism”, bureaucracy etc.

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Question 4

In what five ways does political socialization assist in the democratic process of a state?

Observation

This was a very simple question but many candidates did not attempt it because they didn't understand it. The performance of the candidates that attempted the question was good and scored good marks. Candidates are to provide the following points in order to score good marks.

1. It helps in the transmission of political values/norms to the younger
2. generation
3. It encourages political participation
4. It helps instil values of patriotism and nationalism/loyalty
5. It helps in political recruitment
6. It promotes political education/enlightenment
7. It promotes interest in the governance of the state
8. It helps in the formation of public opinion
9. It helps in the development of political culture in the state
10. It ensures responsibility and accountability in governance
11. It inculcates political traditions in successive generations
12. It helps in stabilizing the political system
13. It enhances the legitimacy of the political institutions/systems
14. It creates awareness of political institutions and processes
15. It enhances critical thinking and evaluation/assessment

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Question 6

Explain five reasons for which the study of nationalism and nationalist activities is important.

Observation

This was not a popular question for the candidates as many of them avoided it. The candidates that attempted it performed poorly and scored very high marks. Those who scored low marks were those who could not explain their points. The candidates were expected to explain the following points.

1. It enables us to identify/know patriots/nationalist leaders
2. To appreciate their contributions to the nationalist struggle
3. To know their input in constitutional reforms that assisted in the attainment of independence
4. To enable us understand the factors that contributed to the nationalist struggle
5. To understand how nationalism/nationalists used the media to mobilize the people for a common course
6. To identify and appreciate the roles of the various political parties associated with the nationalist's struggle
7. To identify and appreciate the roles of the trade unions/pressure groups to the nationalist struggle
8. To understand how nationalist activities led to the infrastructural transformation/development
9. To enable us know/understand the various strategies adopted by the nationalist in dealing with oppressors' rule
10. To enable the people, know what nationalism meant to those who participated in it and its impact on the present generation
11. Social cohesion
12. National consciousness

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Question 7

- (a) *What is political leadership?*
 (b) *Identify four qualities of a good leader.*

Observation

This question was very simple and straightforward which led to many candidates attempting it and scoring high marks. The candidates were expected to provide the following answers in order to score good marks.

It is the capacity/ability to guide, control and inspire the activities of others towards the attainment of the goals in a state.

1. Must be visionary
2. Must be fair, firm and decisive
3. Must be approachable/accessible
4. Must lead by example
5. Must have integrity
6. Must be knowledgeable
7. Must have the ability to inspire others
8. Must empathize with others
9. Must have good sense of judgement
10. Must be able to build team spirit
11. Must have good communication skills
12. Must be innovative
13. Accept responsibility for his/her actions
14. Should have emotional intelligence
15. Must be diplomatic

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Question 8

In what five ways is diplomacy important to the development of Nigeria?

Observation

This was not a popular question because many candidates were not familiar with the question and misunderstood what “Diplomacy” meant. Those who attempted it performed below average as they failed to understand the demands of the question hence they scored low marks. The candidates were expected to give the following points as answers to the question.

1. Promotion of cordial ties
2. Protection of citizens abroad
3. Helps in negotiations and international bargaining
4. Promotion of her national interest abroad
5. Promote economic diplomacy
6. Advertise high economic potentials of the country abroad
7. Enhances the image of the country
8. Gather intelligence/information
9. Report on developments of interest in other countries
10. Implement foreign policy directives
11. Seek development partners for the country
12. Promote cultural exchange
13. Helps in conflict resolution
14. Fostering of world peace in the interest of the country

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Question 10

Identify five mistakes committed in democratic governance that gives cause for military intervention in politics.

Observation

This was a popular question and many of the candidates that attempted it performed well. The candidates understood the demands of the question and gave points listed in the scheme accordingly. The candidates were expected to provide the following as answers to the question.

1. A slow response to threats
2. Constitutional crises
3. Abuse of power/dictatorship
4. Manipulation of the judiciary and judicial system
5. Corruption in government/corrupt government officials
6. Electoral manipulation
7. Cronyism, nepotism and open bias of government
8. Economic mismanagement
9. Disregard for Rule of Law
10. Suppression of political opponents
11. Abuse of the Fundamental Human Rights of citizens
12. Undue interference in the affairs of the military
13. Skewed interpretation of the law
14. Turning blind eye on inflation and high cost of living
15. Mass youth unemployment
16. Weak and ineffective leadership
17. Inciting socio-religious crises
18. General insecurity and breakdown of law and order
19. Failure in addressing the military organizational grievances
20. Control of the media
21. Failure to uphold the tenets of the constitution

22. Government's failure to provide leadership in the provision of social and infrastructural services.
23. Manipulation of constitutional provisions to extend term limits
24. The creation of para-military forces
25. Unfulfilled campaign promises

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Question 5

Outline five major reasons for which it is important for a state to have efficient local government system.

Observation

This was no threat to the candidates. Candidates that attempted this question did very well well and scored high marks. The candidates were expected to give the following points as their answers.

1. It promotes governance at the local level
2. It helps in the mobilization of local material resources for development
3. It assists in mobilizing local human resources for development
4. It identifies and advertises the economic potentials of the area to attract investors
5. It assists in the maintenance of law and order at the local level
6. It creates employment
7. Generates revenue for local development
8. Trains future political leaders through grassroots politics
9. Promotes political participation and governance
10. Serves as a bridge linking the local people to the central government
11. Assists in the legitimization of the political system
12. It encourages the self-help spirit/local initiatives
13. It helps to unlock economic potentials /unearth local initiatives
14. It draws the attention of the central government to the pressing needs of the people
15. It explains government policies to the people
16. It assists in national integration
17. Provision for conflict resolution mechanisms in the local area
18. Reduce the workload of the central government
19. It promotes efficiency

20. Provision of essential services
21. Ensures rapid response in times of emergency
22. Enhances effective decentralization
23. Assists in addressing the basic needs of the people at the local level

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