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DIRECTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. In the spaces provided above, insert your **Name**, **full Index Number**, normal **Signature** and the **Date of Examination**.
2. This booklet consists of **two** sections: **A** and **B**. Answer **four** questions in all: **any two** questions from section **A** and **any two** questions from section **B**.
3. Write the **number of each question at the top of each page**.
4. Write on both sides of the paper unless otherwise instructed on the question paper.
5. Begin each answer to a question on a fresh page. Leave two lines between answers where these are sub-sections to the same question.
6. On **no account** should you tear up any part of the booklet.
7. Write in the space provided below, the **NUMBER OF THE QUESTIONS YOU HAVE ANSWERED** in the order in which you have written them.

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Answer four questions in all, choosing any two questions from Section A and any two questions from Section B. All questions carry equal marks.

SECTION A
ELEMENTS OF GOVERNMENT

(FOR ALL CANDIDATES)
Answer two questions only from this section.

1. (a) Explain *government* as an art of governing. [3 marks]
(b) Why is government important as an art of governing? [12 marks]
2. (a) Differentiate between:
(i) power and authority;
(ii) capitalism and socialism;
(iii) monarchy and aristocracy;
(iv) nation and state. [12 marks]
(b) Identify **three** features of a state. [3 marks]
3. (a) Define *devolution*. [3 marks]
(b) Outline **four** merits of decentralization. [12 marks]
4. (a) Describe the structure of the Judiciary. [3 marks]
(b) State **four** factors that hinder the Judiciary in the dispensation of justice. [12 marks]
5. Outline **five** ways by which individuals can acquire citizenship. [15 marks]

SECTION B

POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN WEST AFRICA AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

Candidates are to answer questions on the country in which they are taking the examination.

FOR CANDIDATES IN NIGERIA
Answer two questions only from this section.

6. In what **five** ways can the pre-colonial government of Yoruba be described as democratic? [15 marks]

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7. (a) Explain the *early resistance* to colonialism. [3 marks]
 - (b) Outline **four** factors that affected West African nationalism after the Second World War. [12 marks]
 8. Identify any **five** changes introduced by the Macpherson Constitution of 1951 in Nigeria. [15 marks]
 9. (a) Outline **two** features of military rule. [6 marks]
 - (b) Identify **three** demerits of military government. [9 marks]
 10. Highlight **five** weaknesses of the Commonwealth of Nations. [15 marks]

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Answer two questions only from this section.

6. (a) Explain the *early resistance* to colonialism. [3 marks]
- (b) Outline **four** factors that affected West African nationalism after the Second World War. [12 marks]
7. Outline **five** effects of the 1951 Beresford-Stooke Constitution of Sierra Leone. [15 marks]
8. Highlight **five** changes introduced by the 1961 Independence Constitution of Sierra Leone. [15 marks]
9. (a) Outline **two** features of military rule. [6 marks]
- (b) Identify **three** demerits of military government. [9 marks]
10. Identify **five** weaknesses of the Commonwealth of Nations. [15 marks]

FOR CANDIDATES IN THE GAMBIA
Answer two questions only from this section.

6. (a) Explain the *early resistance* to colonialism. [3 marks]
- (b) Outline **four** factors that affected West African nationalism after the Second World War. [12 marks]
7. Identify **five** contributions made by Edward Francis Small to the development of nationalism in The Gambia. [15 marks]
8. Highlight **five** achievements of the Peoples' Progressive Party (PPP) in The Gambia. [15 marks]

9. (a) Outline **two** features of military rule. [6 marks]
- (b) Identify **three** demerits of military government. [9 marks]
10. Identify **five** weaknesses of the Commonwealth of Nations. [15 marks]

FOR CANDIDATES IN GHANA
Answer two questions only from this section.

6. Describe **five** functions performed by the chiefs in the Akan pre-colonial political system. [15 marks]
7. (a) Explain the *early resistance* to colonialism. [3 marks]
- (b) Outline **four** factors that affected West African nationalism after the Second World War. [12 marks]
8. State **five** significance of the 1951 General Elections in the Gold Coast. [15 marks]
9. (a) Outline **two** features of military rule. [6 marks]
- (b) Identify **three** demerits of military government. [9 marks]
10. Identify **five** weaknesses of the Commonwealth of Nations. [15 marks]

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