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INSTRUCTIONS 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 there are sub-sections to the same question.*
6. *On no account should you tear up any part of the booklet. It is an examination malpractice to do so.*
7. *Write in the space provided below, the question 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 *state* as a concept. [3 marks]
(b) Identify **four** differences between a *state* and *government* as an institution of the state. [12 marks]
2. Outline **five** conditions that can ensure rule of law in a state. [15 marks]
3. (a) Define a *written constitution*. [3 marks]
(b) Identify **four** sources of a constitution. [12 marks]
4. (a) Explain *unicameral legislature*. [3 marks]
(b) Highlight **four** reasons why some countries adopt a second legislative chamber. [12 marks]
5. Outline **five** conditions necessary for the formation of a federation. [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. Highlight any **five** features of the Igbo traditional political organization. [15 marks]
7. Outline any **five** functions of the Secretary of State for Colonies in the colonial period. [15 marks]
8. Give **five** reasons for military intervention in Nigerian politics. [15 marks]

9. Identify any **five** problems confronting local governments in Nigeria. [15 marks]
10. Why have some West African countries failed to achieve their foreign policy objectives? [15 marks]

FOR CANDIDATES IN SIERRA LEONE

Answer two questions only from this section.

6. Highlight **five** functions of the Secretary of State for Colonies in the colonial period. [15 marks]
7. Identify **five** changes introduced by the 1958 Constitution of Sierra Leone. [15 marks]
8. Give **five** reasons for military intervention in the Sierra Leonean politics. [15 marks]
9. Identify any **five** problems confronting local governments in Sierra Leone. [15 marks]
10. Why have some West African countries failed to achieve their foreign policy objectives? [15 marks]

FOR CANDIDATES IN THE GAMBIA

Answer two questions only from this section.

6. Highlight **five** functions of the Secretary of State for Colonies in the colonial period. [15 marks]
7. Outline **five** positive impacts of the 1954 Constitution on the political development of The Gambia. [15 marks]
8. Give **five** reasons for military intervention in The Gambian politics. [15 marks]
9. Identify any **five** problems confronting local governments in The Gambia. [15 marks]
10. Why have some West African countries failed to achieve their foreign policy objectives? [15 marks]

FOR CANDIDATES IN GHANA

Answer two questions only from this section.

6. Identify **five** factors that led to the decline of the powers of traditional rulers during the colonial period. [15 marks]
7. Highlight **five** features of the Crown Colony system of administration. [15 marks]
8. Outline **five** functions of the president under the 1979 Constitution of Ghana. [15 marks]
9. Highlight **five** factors that led to the overthrow of the Progress Party (PP) government in Ghana in 1972. [15 marks]
10. Outline **five** external factors that influence the foreign policy of Ghana. [15 marks]

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