

JAMB Topics for Government

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Broad Topic

Sub Topics

Basic Concepts in Government

- Power, Authority, Legitimacy, Sovereignty
- Society, State, Nation, Nation-State
- Political Processes
- Political Socialization, Political Participation, Political Culture

Forms of Government

- Monarchy, Aristocracy, Oligarchy, Autocracy, Republicanism, Democracy

Arms of Government

- The Legislature – types, structure, functions, powers
- The Executive – types, functions, powers
- The Judiciary – functions, powers
- Their relationships

Structures of Governance

- Unitary
- Federal
- Confederal

Systems of Governance

- Presidential, Parliamentary, Monarchical

Political Ideologies

- Communalism, Feudalism, Capitalism, Socialism, Communism, Totalitarianism, Fascism, Nazism

Constitution

- Meaning, Sources, Functions, Types

Principles of Democratic Government

- Ethics, Accountability, Separation of Power, Checks and Balances, Individual and Collective Responsibility, Constitutionalism, Rule of Law, Representative Government

Processes of Legislation

- Legislative Enactments – acts, edicts, bye-laws, delegated legislation, decrees

Citizenship

- Meaning, types, rights, dual citizenship, duties of citizens and state

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The Electoral Process

- Suffrage, Election, Electoral System, Electoral Commission

Political Parties and Party Systems

- Political Parties – definition, organization, functions
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Pressure Groups

- Definition, types, functions, modes of operation, differences from political parties

Public Opinion

- Meaning, formation, measurement, functions, limitations

The Civil Service

- Definition, characteristics, functions, structure, control, problems

Pre-colonial Polities

- Pre-jihad Hausa, Emirate, Tiv, Igbo, Yoruba – structural organization, functions

Imperialist Penetration

- British and French colonial acquisition and administration, impacts, comparison

Process of Decolonization

- Nationalism, nationalist movements and leaders, emergence of parties, external factors

Constitutional Development in Nigeria

- Hugh Clifford (1922), Richards (1946), Macpherson (1951), Lyttleton (1954), Independence (1960)

Post-Independence Constitutions

- 1963, 1979, 1989, 1999

Institutions of Government in Post-Independence Nigeria

- Legislature, Executive, Judiciary – structure, functions, workings

Public Commissions

- Civil Service Commission, Public Complaints Commission, Electoral Commissions, Boundary Commission

Political Parties in Post-Independence Nigeria

- First, Second, Third, Fourth Republic

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Nigerian Federalism

- Rationale, tiers of govt, creation of states, problems, solutions

Public Corporations and Parastatals

- Definition, finance, control, privatization, commercialization, comparison

Local Government

- Pre-1976, reforms (1976, 1989), traditional rulers, problems

The Military in Nigerian Politics

- Military intervention, regimes, impact, disengagement

Foreign Policy

- Definition, purpose, determinants, formulation, implementation

Nigeria's Foreign Policy

- Relations with major powers, developing countries, Non-Alignment

Relations with African Countries

- Africa as centrepiece, NEPAD

Nigeria in International Organizations

- UN, Commonwealth, OAU/AU, ECOWAS, OPEC

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- ECOWAS, OAU/AU, Commonwealth, OPEC, UNO, African Petroleum Producers Association

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