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PAST QUESTIONS AND
ANSWER

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1. Constitutionalism emphasizes that those who govern the state should do so according to

- A. laid down rules of public order
- B. The dictates of political leader:
- C. the direction of legal luminaries
- D. The satisfaction of their egos
- E. Their whims and caprices

Correct Answer: Option A

2. Which is NOT a type of citizenship?

- A. Conferment
- B. indigenoussness
- C. marriage
- D. naturalization
- E. registration

Correct Answer: Option B

3. Direct democracy succeeded in Athens because

- A. the civil servants were properly trained
- B. The institution government was well established
- C. The population was small in size
- D. The people were united and purposeful
- E. The made use of professionals

Correct Answer: Option C

4. An instrument for exercise of power for controlling, administering and managing the affairs of people based on laws is the

- A. civil service
- B. executive
- C. government

D. judiciary

E. state

Correct Answer: Option C

5. How many delegates from Nigeria and Cameroon attended the London Constitutional Conference of 1953?

A. 16

B. 18

C. 19

D. 20

E. 22

Correct Answer: Option C

6. Primus inter pares' is a term usually used to qualify the

A. electorate

B. President

C. Prime minister

D. Queen of England

E. Senate president

Correct Answer: Option C

7. The 1993 general election had been judged as the best in Nigeria, yet it was inconclusive because

A. it was widely rigged

B. it produced no winner

C. one of the candidates resigned on the day of election

D. the election result was annulled

E. the result was inconclusive when it was announced

Correct Answer: Option D

8. Nigeria started to operate on a real federal structure with the introduction of the

- A. 1922 Clifford constitution
- B. 1946 Richards constitution
- C. 1953 London conference
- D. 1954 Lyttleton constitution
- E. 1963 Republican constitution

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10. The official termination of each session of a House of Assembly is known as

- A. adjournment
- B. Closure
- C. Dissolution
- D. prorogation
- E. Summon

Correct Answer: Option A

11. On March 17, 1967, General Yakubu Gowon in an attempt to forestall the Eastern region of Nigeria from seceding and in response to various demands for states created

- A. 5 states federal structure
- B. 7 states federal structure

- C. 12 states federal structure
- D. 17 states federal structure
- E. 19 states federal structure

Correct Answer: Option C

12. Power can be defined as the
- A. ability to command obedience
 - B. authority to influence others
 - C. legitimate right to rule
 - D. right to command respect
 - E. right to apply sanctions

Correct Answer: Option A

13. The knowledge and belief which individuals possess about the political system is known as Orientation.

- A. Affective
- B. cognitive
- C. evaluative
- D. parochial
- E. participatory

Correct Answer: Option B

14. Decentralization has the following as merits EXCEPT that it

- A. accommodates local differences
- B. Allows for leadership training
- C. allows for conflict of power
- D. enhances political participation
- E. Is a check on tyranny

Correct Answer: Option C

15. One of the main features of the February 1976 Local Government Reform in Nigeria was the

- A. election of a chairman
- B. introduction of three arms of government
- C. introduction of a speaker of the house
- D. appointment of supervisory councilors
- E. Uniform system of administration

Correct Answer: Option E

16. Which type of democracy is Nigeria operating as a democratic state?

- A. Classical
- B. representative
- C. restricted
- D. socialist
- E. twenty-first century

Correct Answer: Option B

17. The Head of state or ceremonial president under the 1963 republican constitution was elected through

- A. an open ballot
- B. an open secret ballot
- C. an option ballot
- D. a head count
- E. a secret ballot

Correct Answer: Option E

18. What is referred to as the fourth estate of the realm?

- A. Civil service
- B. executive

- C. judiciary
- D. legislature
- E. press

Correct Answer: Option E

19. What is NOT a feature of a unitary system?

- A. The constitution should be flexible
- B. The people forming the society are homogenous
- C. The question of secession does not arise
- D. There is constitutional division of powers
- E. there is only one source of authority

Correct Answer: Option D

20. What is NOT a function of the civil service?

- A. the responsibility of advising ministers
- B. maintaining a comprehensive record of all decisions and keeping all correspondence
- C. preparing the annual budget
- D. serving as an intermediary between the public and government
- E. writing manifestoes for political parties

Correct Answer: Option E

21. The imperial order-in-council which came into force on January 1, 1947, was generally referred to as the

- A. Constitutional Conference
- B. Lyttleton Constitution
- C. Macpherson Constitution
- D. Richards Constitution
- E. Sir Arthur Richards Constitution

Correct Answer: Option D

22. A multi-member constituency is used to facilitate the operation of

- A. absolute majority
- B. functional representation
- C. Proportional representation
- D. second ballot
- E. simple majority

Correct Answer: Option B

23. Which organ of government is responsible for the formulation and implementation of laws and policies?

- A. Courts
- B. executive
- C. judiciary
- D. legislature
- E. senate

Correct Answer: Option C

24. True body that is responsible for the control of the senior personnel's of local government in terms of appointment, transfer, promotion and termination is the

- A. local government service commission
- B. speaker of the house
- C. state civil service chairman of local government
- D. chairman of local government
- E. federal civil service commission

Correct Answer: Option A

25. The amalgamation of the colony of Lagos and the southern protectorate took place in

- A. 1899

- B. 1903
- C. 1906
- D. 1912
- E. 1914

Correct Answer: Option B

26. The existence of delegated legislation

- A. encourages separation of power
- B. Increases the work of parliament
- C. Is another way of obtaining separation of power
- D. Negates the principle of separation of power,
- E. reduces the power of the executive

Correct Answer: Option D

27. What did NOT give birth to the development of nationalism in Nigeria?

- A. discrimination in employment exercises against Nigerians
- B. key decisions were made by the Nigerians for the Europeans to carry out
- C. Nigerian culture was tampered with
- D. Nigerian were denied some facilities
- E. the Nigerian economy was controlled by foreigners'

Correct Answer: Option B

28. Sovereignty is known for the following apparent characteristics EXCEPT

- A. absoluteness
- B. Divisibility
- C. Inalienability
- D. permanence
- E. Universality

Correct Answer: Option B

29. Public opinion is the sum total of views and feelings of citizens on matters relating to

- A. the continent
- B. the nation
- C. parochial interest
- D. sectionalism
- E. self-interest

Correct Answer: Option B

30. What is NOT a fundamental human right?

- A. Freedom from arbitrary arrest
- B. freedom of movement
- C. presumed guilty until found innocent
- D. right to a fair trial
- E. right to life

Correct Answer: Option C

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