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COMM 210: AFRICAN STUDIES

LEVEL 200

MORNING

**DATE: JULY 3, 2023** 

**DURATION: 2 Hours, 30 Minutes** 

- (i) Answer all questions in Section A
- (ii) Answer two (2) questions in Section B
- (iii) All Answers must be provided in the Answer Booklet

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#### SECTION A

## Answer All Questions

20 Marks

- 1. "Proverbs are the palm oil with which we eat yam", this is attributed to which writer?
  - a. Abraham, Peter
  - b. Achebe, Chinua
  - c. Aminata, Sow Fall
  - d. Armah Ayikwe
- 2. One of the following African American heroes was noted for freeing many slaves in bondage:
  - a. Harriet Bossman
  - b. Harriet Goodman
  - c. Harriet Strongman
  - d. Harriet Tubman
  - 3. Ubuntu, an African traditional concept which means "I am because we are, and I can only be a person through others", is a term in
    - a. Fon
    - b. Hausa
    - c. Swahili
    - d. Zulu
- 4. The most populous black nation in the world is
  - a. Nigeria
  - b. Brazi!
  - c. Ethiopia
  - d. America
- 5. Because of the double heritage, many Africans practice either Islam or Christianity in addition to
  - a. African Traditional Religion
  - b. Buddhism Traditional Religion
  - c. Hinduism Traditional Religion
  - d. Taoism Traditional Religion

- 6. Who invited W.E.B. Dubois to Ghana to publish the Encyclopedia Africana?
  - a. J. J. Rawlings
  - b. K. A. Busia
  - c. Kwame Nkrumah
  - d. Kutu Acheampong
  - 7. Key African musicians have gained fame by contributing to the stock of:
    - a. Colo Music
    - b. Ethnic music
    - c. Hiplife music
    - d. World music
- 8. The ideological War that happened between 'East' and 'West' from the 1950's to the 1990's was called the
  - a. Cold War
  - b. Freezing war
  - c. Hot War
  - d. Lukewarm War
  - 9. In West African tradition this performer is a historian, storyteller, praise singer, poet and/or musician.
    - a. The gong gong beater
    - b. The griot
    - c. The talking drummer
    - d. Traditional priest
  - 10. All the following are exponents of African pop music except
    - a. Hugh Masekela
    - b. Manu Dibango
    - c. Angelique Kidjo
    - d. Fugees
  - 11. As far as Africans were concerned one of the effects of World War II was that
    - a. It damaged the myths of American invincibility
    - b. It damaged the myths of Asian invincibility
    - c. It damaged the myths of Australian invincibility
    - d. It damaged the myths of European invincibility

- 12. The following personalities are Pan-Africanists except
  - a. Bill Cosby
  - b. Kwame Nkrumah
  - c. Malcolm X
  - d. Marcus Garvey
- 13. By nature African traditional festivals are not traced to:
  - a. Agriculture
  - b. Cleansing
  - e. Migration
  - d. Nightmares
- 14. According to African Traditional Religion the link between the living and the dead is reinforced at
  - a. Childbirth
  - b. Marriage
  - c. Pouring of libation
  - d. Rite of passage
- 15. The extended family system as expressed in African communalism is to:
  - a. Protect and provide for kinsmen
  - b. Protect and provide for the nuclear family
  - c. Protect and provide for the modern society
  - d. Protect and provide for matrilineal family
- 16. In African history which of the following is the most recent?
  - a. Colonisation
  - b. Independence
  - c. Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade
  - d. Trans -Saharan slave Trade
- 17. One of the following interpreted African society to the rest of the World
  - a. African religion
  - b. African literature
  - c. African games
  - d. African spirituals

- 18. The University of Timbuktu, one of the earliest learning centres of the World was located in:
  - a. Egypt
  - b. Mali
  - c. Nubia
  - d. Ethiopia
  - 19. This European country was the first to explore Africa
    - a. England
    - b. Germany
    - c. Portugal
    - d. Spain
- 20. The body chemical that is accountable for darkening the skin of people of African descent is:
  - a. Adrenalin
  - b. Melanin
  - c. Mercury
  - d. Oestrogen

#### SECTION B

## **Answer Two Questions Only**

- 1. Describe four (4) major features of Africa's indigenous governance system. (20 marks)
- 2. Explain four (4) features of African traditional festivals and their importance. (20 marks)
- The Black experience in America is significant to the African story. Briefly discuss four
   major achievements of Martin Luther King. (20 marks)
- 4. Discuss four main ways in which religion has affected the social landscape of Africa.

\* Lack of education and resources.

In countries where one religion is dominated The Practice of Just one religion will be the only accepted form of practice in that society. Individuals for other religions homes will har face difficulties worshipmy their own God Or following the doctrine of their religion.

\* Conflict and violence.

# It leads to superstition and harmful practices.