



LEAD CITY UNIVERSITY
Faculty of Social and Management Sciences
Department of Sociology and Psychology

COURSE PARTICULARS

Course Code: GST 114
Course Title: HUMAN GEOGRAPHY OF NIGERIA
Course Units: 2
Course Status: Required

LECTURER'S DETAILS

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Course description: This course focuses on description of human geography of Nigeria with significant argument on what changes have occurred or occurring and what should be the responses of Nigerians to these changes.

Course Objectives

- To introduce students to concepts of geography as a scientific discipline
- To examine the sense of location specification, including an appreciation of forms and structure of Nigerian settlement pattern, economic activities and challenges
- To provide understanding on the relationships in economic and political geography of both in history and in the contemporary with the aim of creating environmental consciousness

Assessment

Attendance	5%
Class Test and Assignment	25%
Examination	70%

LECTURE PLAN

Week	Topic
Week 1	Course introduction
Week 2	Geography as a science and branch of studies in geography
Week 3	Political development of Nigeria
Week 4	Nigerian population: size, distribution and changes
Week 5	Urbanization in Nigeria
Week 6	Nigerian settlement dynamics
Week 7	Nigerian Economy: Tourism and Transportation systems in Nigeria
Week 8	Nigerian Economy: Nigeria basic production, economic system and industrialization
Week 9	Environmental challenges in Nigeria
Week 10	Nigerian Economy: Mining: Minerals and power
Week 11	Nigerian vegetation zones and Agricultural practices
Week 12	Revision

READING LIST

1. Human Ecology, The CHEC Journal, May 2003, Issue No. 20
2. Geographic thought, philosophy and methodology, Onokerhoraye (1994). The Benin Social Science Series for Africa, University of Benin, Nigeria
3. Iwena, O.A. (2012 ed), Essential Geography for secondary School, Tonad Publishers Limited, Lagos
4. New patterns process and change in human geography, Carr, M. (1996) Nelson Thornes
5. Advanced Geography: concepts and cases (2002 revised edition), Hodder & Stoughton Educational

TUTORIAL QUESTIONS

1. Geography is a discipline within the scientific realm with many career opportunities. Discuss
2. Highlights the importance and the challenges of agriculture in the Nigeria economy

3. A. What is environment?
B. Identity the elements of environmental systems
C. Write short note on the problems of tourism industries in Nigeria
4. Discuss the patterns and factors influencing population distribution in Nigeria
5. A. Draw a map of Nigeria, indicating 3 locations of nucleated settlement.
b. Differentiate between nucleated and linear settlement
c. With relevant examples, identify the importance of tourism in the Nigerian economy
6. A. What are the implications of urbanization process in Nigeria
B. Justify the need for the creation of Abuja as a new capital of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
7. A. What are the roles and challenges of transportation in economic development in Nigeria?
B. In a table format, discuss in detail the advantages and disadvantages of road and train transportation system
8. A. List and discuss the merits and demerits of sparsely populated areas in Nigeria
B. On a map of Nigeria, identify locations and mention two important urban centres in the South, East, North and West.
8. A. Draw an outline map of Nigeria and on it show and name two areas for production of cocoa, fish, oil palm and cattle.
B. Highlight the advantages of high population densities
C. Discuss in full the pull and push factors of migration
9. A. Identify the classifications of industry
B. What are the factors influencing industrial location
C. On a map of Nigeria, identify and locate the main production of power
10. A. With examples, identify the FOUR industrial zones in Nigeria
B. What are the importances of industries to Nigerian economy?
C. identify the challenges of mining in Nigeria
11. A. Identify some environmental challenges in Nigeria.
B. How can these challenges be handled?
12. A. On a map of Nigeria, identify and name important towns in the various vegetation zones.
B. Write short note on each of the identified