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**SOC 1205: AFRICAN SOCIAL THOUGHT COURSE LECTURER: M. O. HARUNA**

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**Week I-2:** Concept and Meaning of African Social Thought

1. Meaning of Social Thought
2. Meaning of African Social Thought

**Week 3:** Cultural Nationalism (Edward W. Blyden)

1. Blyden Marriage and Family background
2. Career and writings

**Week 4:** Franz Fanon: Colonial Dehumanization

**Week 5:** Kwame Nkrumah (Consciencism)

**Week 6:** Contributions of Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe to African socio-political and economic growth

(Democracy Welfarism)

1. Zik’s Early Life and Education
2. Career in Journalism and Involvement in Pan-Africanism/ National Politics
3. The Role of Nnamdi Azikiwe in Nigerian Politics from the Decolonization Era to the Post-Independence Period.

**Week 7:** Julius Nyerere’s Ujamaa, and (Submission of individual assignment)

**Week 8:** Obafemi Awolowo: Scientific Socialism

**Week 9:** Leopold S. Senghor’s: Negritude

**Week 10:** Contributions of Nelson Mandela to the Growth of Democracy in South Africa

**Week 11:** Concept of Nationalist Movement in Africa

1. Meaning of Nationalism
2. Nationalist Movement in Africa
3. Factors that led to the growth of Nationalist movement in Africa (internal and external factors)

**Wee12:** 2nd CA Written Test and Submission of Group Assignment

**Wee13:** Revision

**Mode of Assessment and Marking Scheme**

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| **Mode of Assessment** | | **Marking Scheme** |
| 1. Continuous Assessment (40%) | 75% Attendance | 5% |
| Individual Written Assignment | 10 |
| Group Assignment | 10 |
| Written Test | 15 |
| 1. End of Semester Examination | | 60% |
| **Total** | | **100%** |

**Course Materials**

1. Lecture Notes
2. Relevant Textbooks Chapters and Materials from internet source from the course Lecturer.

**Self-Assessment Exercise**

1. Succinctly explain the concept of African social thought in relation to Sociological Inquiry.

2. Examine Kwame Nkrumah’s Social Thought of Consciencism.

3. What do you understand by Edward W. Blyden’s Cultural Nationalism?

4. Outline the philosophical position of Leopold S. Senghor-Negritude.

5. Explain Julius Nyerere’s Social Thought of Ujamaa.

6. What is the writing of Nnamdi Azikiwe all about?

7. Is there a relationship between the philosophical Social Thought of Scientific Socialism

by Chief Obafemi Awolowo and that of Democratic Welfarism by Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe?

8. Do a critical assessment of the concept of Nationalism.

9. What are the factors that led to the growth of Nationalist movement in West African State?

10. Examine Nkrumah philosophical position on Pan-Africanism.

11. Western education in the colonial era was not designed to help Africans or to make them advance in technology; it was rather merely at reading and writing, so it was classical rather than practical. What do you understand by the statement?

**Please Note:** Your success in the course depends largely on your class attendance, reading and understanding of Lecture notes and other materials given by the course Lecturer. You must participate in the mode of assessment. Wishing you all the very best.

**Further Readings**

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