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**THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC (COVID-19) AS A MAJOR SET BACK IN HUMAN HISTORY.**

Firstly what is a **“virus”**; according to the Oxford advanced learners dictionary, a virus can be seen as a living thing that is too small to be seen without a MICROSCOPE which causes infectious diseases in humans, animals and plants. A virus can also be seen as an infective agent that typically consist of a nucleic acid molecule in a protein coat, it is too small to be seen by light microscopy, and is able to multiply only within the living cells or a host. Furthermore, a virus is a microorganism that is smaller than a bacteria that cannot grow or spread apart from in a living cell; a virus invades living cells and uses their chemical machinery to keep itself alive and replicate itself.

On the other hand what is a **“pandemic”**? A pandemic is a diseases prevalent over a whole country or the world. According to the World health organisation (W.H.O) a pandemic can be seen as a worldwide spread of a new diseases also a pandemic is an outbreak of a disease that occurs over a wide geographical area and affects an exceptionally high proportion of the population. Lastly a pandemic can be seen as an epidemic occurring worldwide or over a very wide area crossing international boundaries

When talking about a pandemic what comes to our mind are the several pandemics the world has witnessed throughout its existence; which have affected the world financially, economically and in all ramifications. Some of these pandemic are;

* Flu Pandemic or Hong Kong flu (1968)
* Asian Flu (1956-1958)
* HIV/AIDS pandemic (2005-2012)
* Sixth Cholera Pandemic(1910-1911)
* The black death (1346-1353)
* Russian flu (1889-1890)
* And finally our main subject of discussion; coronavirus pandemic (covid-19) which is a major setback in our present human life.

**What caused the coronavirus (covid-19)?**

**Origin:** The known coronavirus was first detected in December 2019 in Wuhan, a city in china of over 11 million people; this brought about the name covid-19 because it was discovered in 2019. After an outbreak of pneumonia without obvious cases the virus had spread to over 200 countries around the globe and was declared a pandemic by the world health organisation (W.H.O) on 11march 2020.

**Cases:** The coronavirus has recorded about 627 cases in Nigeria with 21 deaths and 170 recovering, Africa has recorded 21,990 cases, 5,482 recovery and 1,120 deaths and the world has over 2,467,542 cases, 169,398 deaths and 644,589 recovery; which is affecting the world drastically. The coronavirus has affected Nigeria as a nation and its citizens. Due to the coronavirus, movements where restricted and there has been a lockdown enforced by the federal government of Nigeria in order to curb the speed of the virus which has some effects on Nigerians; some of these effects are as follows.

**THEFT:** Young Nigerian youths who don’t have what to survive but go around stealing other people’s property as a means of survival.

**ECONOMY HARTSHIP:** The 2020 Nigerian budget projection a barrel of crude oil for 57 dollars but is known 22dolars due to the coronavirus pandemic which will affect the economy of the country and thus citizens of Nigeria.

**JOB RETRENCHMENT:** Individuals who survive on their day to day job will no longer have what survive on due to the restriction of movement in the country.

**INCREAS IN PRICE OF GOODS AND SERVISES**: Nigerians who don’t have enough to afford these goods and services weather essential or not.

**DEATH (DECREASE IN POPULATION):** When individuals do not have enough finance to survive this cause starvation which leads to death thus decrees in the population of the country.

**SECURITY AGENTS BRYTALIZATION:** Due to the restriction of movement security agents have capitalized on this to brutalize Nigerians who dare to step out during this lockdown. There was a scenario in Delta state where police men shot a man for seeping out during the lockdown.

**CLOSURE OF ACADAMIC INSTITIUTIONS:** All academic institutions in the country are under lock and key due to the lockdown which will affect the educational systems in the country.

In conclusion, the coronavirus pandemic-covid-19- which is described by the world health organisation (W.H.O) as a major setback to humanity since the world war 2 has not only affected the Nigerian economy and it citizens but has also affected the economy around the globe which makes it a **“major setback in the human history”.**