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**:A REVIEW ON THE HISTORICAL ANALYSIS OF THE EVOLUTION OF THE NIGERIAN STATE**

The historical background of Nigerian government and politics involves the precolonial period and the colonial period. The pre colonial period is the era before the coming of the colonialist to Nigeria while the colonial administration was established to Nigeria.The Nigerian state is a colonial creation. It is a product of historical arrrangement that arose out of European adventure with its eventual culmination in the colonialization of Africa.

**>The Achievement of Early Man**

The early man needed food so because of this, he began to hunt and gather fruits. Then he began to invent tools consisting of pebbles made into chopping and cutting tools. Then he began to make hand axes which were oval and pointed in shape**.**

**>Early Man Nigerian**

The exact time when man began to live in nigeria is unknown but there archaeological evidence from different parts of Nigeria which pointed to the fact that man had settled in the region before now known as Nigeria since to paleolithic period 500,00-9000BC

**>The Scientific and Technological Development of Early Nigerian Societies**

**.**Nok culture civilization

.Benin civilization

.Ife civilization

.Igbo ukwu civilization

The three major ethnic groups are: igbo,yoruba,hausas

**>Historical Background of Pre-colonial Politician System in Yoruba Land**

The yoruba’s are one of the largest ethnic group in Nigeria and united by language. The yoruba people trace their origin to oduduwa who was the founder of the yoruba kingdom. Ile ife is regarded as the political ancestral home of the yoruba people.

**>Political Structure of the pre colonial igbo land**

They practiced direct democracy because there was no traditional rulers in the form of oba as in case of the yoruba and so no hereditary claims to the traditional tools as there was never an igbo kingdom of empire. The family was the smallest unit in igbo traditional society. Each family was headed by an ofo title holder. Agegrade was organised on a village basis. The youths cleared the bush path,streams and also served as police. The elders enfornced the elders decision and guarded the settlement.

**>Historical background of the igbo**

The igbo people are best known for their segmentary or acephalous way of life. This is because they had no centralized they operated a kind of government.

.The igbo of eastern Nigeria

.The igbo of southern eastern

.The western igbo

.The igbo of North eastern Nigeria

.The northern igbo

**>Political structure of the precolonial Hausa**

The emir was an absolute monarch in his emirate,he was the political administrative and spiritual leader. The emir cabinet incude:Sarkin Fada,Waziri Galadima,Sarkin Ruwa,Sarkin Pawa **and the rest of them.**

**>Historian background of precolonial political system in hausa land**

Oral tradition attributed the origin of the hausa states to a man named Bayajidda an Arab prince who travelled to the sahel from Baghad. He killed a monstrous snake that oppressed the people of Daura and he married the queen then they gave birth to sons and these sons ruled each one of the seven hausa city states becoming the first king**.**

**>The birth of Nigeria as a geo-politician entity**

The may 1906 amalgamation is known as the first ever amalgamation of the British in Nigeria. The second amalgamation was that of 1914 in jan 1914, the British government amalgamated Northern and Southern Nigeria. The principal reason for this is the same that of May 1906. Sir Fredrick Lugard is best known as th father of the jan 1914 amalgamation Britain therefore governed Nigeria by means of a system popularly referred to as **INDIRECT RULE**