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REVIEW

OF CHAPTER SEVEN

The modern age of mass participation, the political parties are an essential feature politics. The political party crops up in all aspects of politic. An idea was developed at that time by the politicians to help them and like-minded friends get elected.

CONCEPTUAL

CLARIFICATION OF THE IDEA OF POLITICAL PARTY

Political thinkers have provided us with a lot of

definition of political parties. A political party performs so many tasks in the political process that it is different to establish a single definition.

A political party is a group of officials or would-be officials who are linked with a sizable group of citizens into an organization; which is to ensure that its officials attain power or maintain power (Shively 2008).

CHARACTERISTICS OF POLITICAL PARTY

-It captures governmental power through constitutional means.

-It has

principles referred to as party ideology which serve as the basis for classifying parties as either leftist, rightist, liberal etc.

TYPES OF POLITICAL PARTIES

- Elitist/ Cadre Parties:

This type of political party boasts of members who are intellectuals like doctors, lawyers or people who are traditional ruler.

- Mass Parties: They are political parties that have a wide membership and draws all its members from all sections of the society.

- Ideological Parties:

They are political parties formed with political

benefits

Which forms the basis of the party.

- BROKER PARTY**
- CHARISMATIC OR PERSONALITY PARTY**

**FUNCTIONS OF
POLITICAL PARTY**

- Goal Formation**
- Electoral Competition and Governance**
- Political Education**
- Political Representation**
- Interest Aggregation**

**POLITICAL
PARTIES IN NIGERIA**

The development of political parties followed the growth of nationalist consciousness and sentiments and nationalist movements. The fulcrum for the emergence of parties'

formation in Nigeria was constitutional development.

**POLITICAL
PARTIES IN NIGERIA
1950-1966**

Between 1950-1951 two political parties emerged according to ikelegbe, 2010. These parties emerged from cultural association, because of the prospects of the 1951 election following the MacPhersons constitution. The AG was started as the political wing of the Egbe Omo Oduduwa in 1950. It was formally inaugurated in April, 1951. Its leader was Obafemi Awolowo, the general secretary of Egbe Omo Oduduwa. The main

aim of AG was to provide leadership to and capture political power in the western region. The Nigerian multi-party system of the first republic gave rise to the emergence of many political parties apart from the three major political parties.

Problems

that confronted pre-independence political parties

- The political parties were without national outlook;
- The political parties placed much emphasis on personalities rather than issues;
- The defection of political parties led to the

collapse of political parties during this era;
- Intra-party and inter-party conflicts in most cases polarized the political parties and thereby splitting them into factions.